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Citizens offer a vision for their community

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

DALLAS — In a show of civic pride, more than 130 residents of Dallas Borough and surrounding Back Mountain communities showed up the evening of May 29 for the Dallas Community Visioning public meeting at College Misericordia.

"I'm amazed at the community spirit in Dal-

las," said Russ Hovey. "It is unbelievable. I think that's probably our major asset."

Last December, Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll and the Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz invited a small group of citizens to brainstorm about where they would like to see the Dallas community go in the next 10 or 15 years. This steering committee of community leaders presented their results in the form of a questionnaire to the crowd, asking for their in-

put into the strengths and weaknesses of Dallas Borough and surrounding communities.

Round table discussions revealed the number one concern of the meeting participants to overwhelmingly be revitalizing downtown Dallas, especially by developing a master plan for the community and updating zoning ordinances. Ordinances on signs, junk and con-

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Drew Regan spoke for his table at the Dallas Community Visioning meeting last week.

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Steve Traver, who donated his time at the 56th Back Mountain Library Auction Kickoff Dinner, took bids on a print that he joked was of the Noxen Opera House, where he and his friends hung out as kids. Traver also donated several items that were sold.

56th Library Auction season starts at kickoff dinner

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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It was a grand start to a 56-year tradition.

The Kick-off Dinner for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction was held Monday evening at Pickett's Charge Restaurant in Dallas. After enjoying cocktails and dinner, attendees participated in an auction of new and antique items selected from the donations for this year's event. The antiques were donated by Traver's Auctions of Dallas.

"We use the money from the Kick-off Dinner as seed money to purchase what we need for the auction," said Pauline Kutz,

"This auction is unique and as a fundraiser it has stood the test of time."

Pauline Kutz
Long-time auction volunteer

dinner chairman. "Many people in the community used to donate beautiful antiques but now we have to buy many things," said Kutz, who has been an auction volunteer for over 30 years. "This auction is unique and as a fundraiser it has stood the test of time," Mrs. Kutz said. "We would really like to get a lot of younger people involved."

The auction will be held on July 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the library

grounds. Don Faegenburg is this year's chairman and his wife, Cheryl Miller, has been doing a lot to help him out.

"I go to the meetings, take notes and help Don to follow up on things," said Miller.

The auction will have all of its traditional elements, like the Nearly Old Booth, Odds and Ends, the Plant Booth and children's games and activities. "We're still trying to line up all of

our readers for the auction but Dallas Boy Scout Troop 281 is in charge of the Children's Auction again this year," said Faegenburg, whose father, Merrill, was auction chairman back in the 1960s.

The auction will also feature the Food Booth where they sell hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, and fries. "We still need a lot of volunteers for the food booth. It takes about 20-25 people per night and we don't have anyone for Friday or Saturday night yet," said Faegenburg. "If any group is available to help for one of those nights they can just call the library to volunteer."

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Dallas school budget holds 8 mill increase

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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DALLAS TWP. — The Dallas School Board approved a 2002-2003 preliminary budget at a special meeting of the board last week, with an 8 mill tax increase highlighting the plan.

This marks the fourth time in five years the school district millage rate has increased. In 1998, the district approved a 12 mill increase, and after no increase in 1999, the district approved increases of 4 and 16 mills in 2000 and 2001. Prior to 1998, the school district had not increased the mill rate for seven

years. A mill is equal to \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. For example, a home which was assessed at \$100,000 would carry a school tax of \$1,900 under the 2001-2002 budget, will now have a tax of \$1,980.

The school district has seen major renovations over the past five years, including: the erection of the Wycallis Elementary School, modernization of the high school football stadium, construction of a fieldhouse, major renovation of Dallas Ele-

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Lake-Lehman teachers accept fact-finder's report

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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LEHMAN TWP. — If the Lake-Lehman School Board agrees by Friday, contract negotiations with the teachers' union are settled, over, and done.

The Lake-Lehman Education Association (LLEA) voted Tuesday evening to accept the findings of the state fact-finder, Diane Mulligan. The school board must decide to accept or reject the fact-finder's report by Friday, June 7.

"It would be nice to get this over with and get things back to

normal," said John Holland, attorney for the LLEA. "Come back to school and not have to worry about a battle being on in the fall."

An executive session of the School Board was held prior to Tuesday night's school board work session to discuss contract negotiations. However, Charles Boytin, board president, said there would be no decision until Friday. "I am going to wait for our counsel to go through the process, and on Friday, they will have something released, hope-

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Board hopes to spice up lunch menus

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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LEHMAN TWP. — The Lake-Lehman School Board made it clear in their Tuesday night work session, they are more interested in appetizing and nutritious food than in a profit from the district's food service company.

The board told Nutrition, Inc., the proposed food service management company for the 2002-2003 school year, they want food that tastes great — not a return on their money.

"We aren't looking for a bottom line return," said director James Mahon. "We are looking for quality."

Last fall, complaints about the quality and nutritional value of the food served in the district's cafeterias sparked discussion about hiring in-house food service management for the 2002-2003 school year. However, in a meeting yesterday that included taste tests, a committee of parents, students, board directors and administrators chose Nutritional, Inc., the district's present food service management company, from three food service vendors. Nutrition, Inc. has handled food service manage-

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State priorities may be costing residents sleep

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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JACKSON TWP. — Jim Canon, of Chase Road, just wants to get a good night's sleep. "My wife and I haven't slept for three nights," Canon said to the township supervisors at Monday's meeting. "I'd like to sleep — like a normal human."

Round the clock activity at American Asphalt Paving Company, with blasting and noisy trucks and oil tankers rumbling and screeching brakes day and night has resulted in numerous calls to the solicitor and the supervisors.

Solicitor Jeffrey Malak explained the township had limited enforcement ability because of overriding state legislation, but suggested opening a line of communication to the PA Department of Mines to make them aware of the problems. He warned that complaints about federal and state government projects awarded to the paving company could result in pressure and threats from those agencies. John J. Wilkes, Jr., supervisor, said he personally had received such calls in the past, including from the governor's office about deter-

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Now it's official

Rev. Chuck Naugle of Trucksville Methodist Church, laughed as George Isaacs, a member of the construction committee for the addition to the Educational Building, presented his official hard hat. Story, photo on page 3.

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