

EDITORIAL

# Olivers will be missed, but the good work will continue

There's been something about Lake-Lehman High School the last few years that sets it apart from many other public schools. You sense it as you walk into the foyer just before classes start, and spy John Oliver, the principal, sitting on the side, greeting students. You feel it when the folks in the office and students from the hallway stop to help identify who played fullback, or forward, or goalie in last week's game. It's an undeniable impression that this is a place where everyone from top to bottom feels they are part of something meaningful, and are ready to do their part to help achieve the highest possible goals in the classroom and on the field.

This atmosphere didn't just happen, it has been nurtured over many years in large part by John and Carol Oliver, who are now ready to hand the reins over to another generation of educators. After John presents their daughter, Joanna, her diploma, he and Carol will depart from the home away from home they've known for 36 years, and from the place they met as rookie teachers. While the Olivers' absence will be felt by teachers, students and staff, each will find their influence remains even if John and Carol are relaxing on the beach when the first bell rings in the fall. It will be there every time a teacher takes an extra moment to help a student who is having trouble with a math problem, and when a visitor needs to find out what time the play will be presented. The helpful, honest response in each case is a reflection of how everyone at the school has learned to cooperate in the grand venture that is education, and of how they have been treated by the Olivers over the past decades.

Lake-Lehman High School will miss John and Carol Oliver, but the standards they have helped set will live on as new leadership takes hold. That is a legacy they can be proud of as they head into a well-deserved retirement.



It's been a very good year for rhododendrons. These are at the Dallas Post Office. Photo by Ron Bartizek.

## Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



There's not much that can top a 4 1/2 hour walk around a well-groomed golf course under sunny skies. It's even better on a Sunday at Glenmaura when accompanying a couple of guys who play for pay.

I've volunteered as a walking scorer each year a professional tournament has taken place at the stellar course on Montage Mountain, and it's a real treat to get "up close and personal" with players either on their way up to or down from the PGA Tour. This year's final round was even more interesting than usual, as the two pros I scored for carded what I guessed would be a frustrating round; hitting fairways and greens regularly but being unable to sink a whole bunch of "makeable" putts. Turns out, though, most of the guys in front of them had an even worse time of it, losing strokes right and left, particularly at the final hole, where Dave Rummels and Steve Haskins each made par. Haskins ended up in a tie for fourth place, and pocketed a nice check for his effort. As they say, it's better than working for a living.

Did you hear the uproar about a new product line at Abercrombie & Fitch, the former stuffy supplier to wealthy adventurers that morphed into a hip teen clothing headquarters? Seems the design geniuses who toil mightily to stay ahead of the fashion curve came up with skimpy swimwear for little girls, then deftly added slogans like "wink-wink," and "eye candy" to complete the look. Then they feigned surprise when the inevitable protests started, while secretly reveling in the free publicity. Last I read, the company issued a statement that it would not withdraw the items from stores; after all, they're not responsible for morality, right?

Wrong, I think. While it's true that you can't legislate morality or ethics, there's no doubt that every segment of society — individuals, commerce and government alike — has some effect on the public mindset, for good or ill. Just like the tobacco companies that bleat about a teenager's right to decide to smoke, A&F has limited its corporate responsibility to raising the stock price, leaving more important questions to that universally cited figure, "someone else."

## Letters, columns and editorials

The Dallas Post attempts to publish opinions on a variety of topics in many forms.

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## LETTERS

# Harveys Lake wasting taxpayers' money in zoning disputes

Editor,  
If the residents of Harveys Lake think the current Borough Council got the message on election day, they are wrong. At a recent Council meeting, Council President stated that another case in front of the zoning board cost the Borough \$60,000, and the Borough lost. A few days later he stated that the case that I'm involved in would cost the Borough more.

I have repeatedly tried to get a meeting between my attorney and theirs but the board refuses to entertain any kind of compromise. Unfortunately I must proceed with my case to protect myself and my family from the charges the board refuses to

withdraw. We are now headed to Commonwealth Court where the expenses for both parties will rise dramatically. All this to keep the demon Hot Dog Cart at bay. Or is it? The location of both properties Council and Zoning has chosen to toss so much money away over might speak volumes.

Why did Damien Kaye, who is one of the parties that brought this case before the Zoning Board, submit a list of expenditures he claims to have made in regards to the property I have leased, during the Zoning Board hearing? And why did the Zoning Board find this relevant enough to enter it into evidence? This list covers the last 10 years

until I showed up. To my knowledge, or anyone else I have spoken with, Mr. Kaye was never requested nor did he ask the true owners anything about upkeep on the property or removal of any buildings or foundations.

One other point I'd like to make, it has been suggested to me that a few parties involved in this dispute are of the mind that I am involved in this issue solely to harass them. They are seriously overestimating their value in the scheme of things if such is the case. I am only looking for the most lucrative spots available to me to set up hot dog carts and to suggest anything else is preposterous.

If the board is so concerned

with confiscating this piece of property for the use of two politically connected neighbors, they can save the Borough taxpayers a considerable amount of money by purchasing it and just giving it to them instead of harassing anyone that happens to try to utilize it and incurring these outrageous legal bills. The next Borough Council meeting is June 18 and I would definitely suggest that if you are a taxpayer of Harveys Lake you attend and demand the Council cease this unbelievable squandering of your tax dollars.

Robert Prescott  
aka Hot Dog Bob  
Harveys Lake



Carol King

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is offering a class in basic Internet usage. It will be offered at the following times:

Mondays, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, June 20, July 11; 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

The class will go over basic Internet searching, how to find government information, and how to find sources such as daily newspapers, TV listings, maps and weather reports.

Each class is limited to five people. Contact the library, at

# Learn to surf Internet at the library

675-1182, for further information and to make a reservation for one of the sessions. There is no fee for library patrons.

**Summer story hours:** Registration for the story hours is going on now. The schedule for the hours is as follows: toddlers (must be 2 years old), 7-7:30 p.m., Thursdays; 3 to 5-year-olds (must be at least 3), 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:45 a.m., Wednesdays; and 10-11 a.m., Thursdays. Story hours will run for six weeks beginning on June 24.

**Auction reminders:** DATES: July 4-7.

PLACE: Grounds of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas.

THE AUCTION NEEDS YOU... Volunteers are needed for set-up starting on July 1, and for service during the auction. Call or

come into the library to sign up for the activities and time slots of your choice.

...AND YOUR DONATIONS of new and used goods, including books, nearly-old collectibles, odds and ends, and antiques. Bring them to the library at any time when it is open (9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays; 9:30 to 5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays). Don't hesitate to call the library if you have a question about whether something would be acceptable.

**Book reviews:** Pam Oliveira reports that the evening book discussion group recently discussed the book, "Pink Slip," by Rita Ciresi. "It is a romantic comedy about the relationship of a 20-something single girl with her 'crazy' family and her secret affair with a VP at work. The book won the 1997 Pirate's Alley Fullkner Award for fiction. Our group found the book to be witty

and easy to read, fully appreciated the references to the 80s fashion and trends, but found the characters to be poorly developed.

"Our next book is 'The Stranger,' by Albert Camus. We will be meeting on Monday, June 17, at 7 p.m. at the Stax in Dallas. As always, everyone is welcome!"

The Monday morning discussion topic was "John Adams," by David McCullough. We can only add to the many enthusiastic reviews our praise for this well-documented story of how our nation was founded, and our admiration for the men who devoted their lives to its foundation and early years. Quotations from many letters, especially those written by John and his wife Abigail, make the principals and their lives very real to the reader. We recommend the book highly.

Anthony Broody, Main Highway, has given shrubs, small trees, and hedges to Prince of Peace Church to complete its landscaping.

James Crisman Hutchison, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Hutchison of Trucksville, was graduated from Jefferson Medical School. Hutchison received his Bachelor of Science degree at Penn State College, and served for two years with the U.S. Navy.

40 Years Ago - June 7, 1962

## LIBRARY BOARD SEEKS REPLACEMENT

The serious illness of Mrs. Prosper Wirt, librarian, has prompted David Schooley, president of Back Mountain Memorial Library to call a special meeting of the Directors to consider

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70 Years Ago - June 3, 1932

## CHILD OWES LIFE TO BOYS' COURAGE

Grace Preston, eighteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Preston of Beaumont, owes her life to Robert Goodwin, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Goodwin of Beaumont, who rescued the child from Leonard's Creek, near his home.

Ruth Bennett of Trucksville a senior at the Kingston High-

School was crowned the first May Queen of the township schools.

Some shows that played at the Himmler Theatre were: Freeks with Wallace Ford and Lelia Hyns; Taxi with James CAgney, The Miracle Man with Chester Morris, and Sylvia Sidney.

60 Years Ago - June 5, 1942

## ANNOUNCE EXTRA CANNING RATION ANNOUNCED

Sugar for canning and preserves became available to residents of Lake, Lehman and Ross townships. One pound of sugar will be allowed for every four pounds of fruit to be canned, and for jellies and other preserves. One pound for each member of the family.

Gaining its seventh straight victory at the expense of Lake Township, Dallas Borough finished the 1942 season with a

two-game lead over its nearest rival and undisputed possession of the championship-its first in the history of the league.

American Stores Company made considerable improvement to its Acme Market on Main Street. The store front was painted and new blue awnings were being installed by Hugh Williams, Dallas Township awning maker.

50 Years Ago - June 13, 1952

## WORKERS START CAMPAIGN FOR LIBRARY AUCTION

Mrs. Ralph Dixon co-chairman of the refreshments committee reported that practically all of the meat-more than 300 pounds has been contributed. Several large loads of used furniture have been brought to the Barn, and posters announcing the auction began to appear in stores throughout the area.