

EDITORIAL

Best vision comes from those who know the community

The response to the first public meeting of the Dallas Community Visioning group was more than heartening, it was inspiring. Well over 100 people turned out to learn more about the visioning process and to express their opinions on where Dallas Borough - and the entire Back Mountain - should be heading.

The suggestions were not surprising. People want their hometowns to be pleasant places to live, work and shop, with enough amenities to make life comfortable but not so many that the Back Mountain becomes another faceless strip of shopping plazas and parking lots. The fact that we've been hurtling in that direction adds necessary urgency to the visioning effort if it is to have a chance to succeed.

Most important is continued public input and support. To that end, another public meeting has already been planned, at which target areas for attention will be identified and task forces formed to address them. The result of that gathering will be even more important than the giant first step that was taken May 29, and we look forward to reporting its success.

Graduates: Try to better your elders

Every parent dreams of and dreads high school commencement day. Whether the graduate is going to Harvard or the school of hard knocks, this ceremony creates a line of demarcation between years of dependency and a future filled with opportunity and obstacles, most of them self-created. Graduation also presents editorial writers with the chance to wax poetic and offer high-minded advice that probably doesn't match their own experience, but sounds better than the unspoken truth. With that in mind, here are our words of wisdom for the class of 2002:

- Try to make fewer mistakes than we did, and learn from them. We know you're going to mess up sometimes; just don't hurt yourself or someone else unnecessarily in the process.
- Listen to your instincts. If we "grown-ups" have done our jobs with any skill at all, you know right from wrong and smart from stupid. Like a coach who can't shut up while his players are on the field, parents sometimes need to just let the kids play, secure in the knowledge they've been taught the rules.
- Don't drink and drive, and don't ride with someone who has had too much to drink. This applies on graduation night, and every moment after, for the rest of your life.
- No one else can make you happy — not even Mom and Dad. (You probably already know that.) It's a do-it-yourself job, although the right person or persons can make it a whole lot easier, and it will amaze you how sharing with others can change your opinion of pleasure.

Study hard, stay in school, don't do drugs? You've heard enough about that stuff, and it's all true, but it may not sink in until you have firsthand experience. We wish it was less painful — for you and your loved ones — but we have confidence you'll come through just fine.

Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



If you're trying to find me on a Sunday morning, the best place to look is in the aisles of a local grocery store. I'll be there along with several other men who limit as much as possible their exposure to rows of tuna fish cans and potato chips.

You'll recognize us as supermarket naifs by the vacant look on our faces as we stumble from aisle to aisle in search of peanut butter, brownie mix or whatever else is on our list - provided, of course, we remembered to bring the list along. We mean well; I volunteered for Sunday morning breakfast duty in our household years ago, and the cooking part goes just fine. It's getting the ingredients in the hour or so between the time I wake up and when the kids wander down that's the tough part. My wife, by contrast, displays great pride in being able to swoop down on BiLo and complete her mission in less than an hour. Since her average take is about five times mine, I'm at a loss to explain how she does it.

This experience has led me to ponder taking the invention route in an effort to become filthy rich. Supermarkets clearly need a communications system that will guide rookie shoppers on their journey. The big departments aren't an issue; I know where the produce, dairy and deli departments are, since they usually have two-foot tall signs demarcating their shelf space. After that, though, it's a struggle. Why, for example, are cookie mixes 37 aisles away from cookies? Or coffee about a half mile from cream? The store nearest my house has lists posted at completely random locations, but they are just a tease. Try finding Betty Crocker Double Fudge Nut Brownie Mix on them, or Ocean Spray Cranberry/Raspberry Drink Mix. Fat chance.

Given the state of computer technology, I envision a handheld device with a million item product list, so amateurs like me can punch in the most detailed item description and be given exact directions to our quarry. An added feature would be bar code recognition, setting off a beeper when we pass by the family pack chicken legs we've been searching 10 minutes for. The only thing that could go wrong then is to forget the list. Maybe it can beep too.



Where the wild things are. Along Reservoir Road in Dallas. Photo by Ron Bartizek.



From the bullpen

Timothy J. Raub

When I was a senior at Dallas High School, I went through a period during which I just did not want to further my education.

I was tired of the academics, and tired of the class work, and thought it would be easy to just graduate from high school and find a job somewhere making a lot of money.

But there were a few individu-

Two great teachers who taught life lessons

als outside of my parents who thought my ideas were just too idealistic.

Dallas High School teachers Gary Mathers and Wayne Hughes, who taught Woodshop and Ecology respectively, helped me to see the reality of life in this day and age without a college education.

They pushed me to enroll in colleges and look for a major that suited me best.

Mr. Mathers and Mr. Hughes saved me from walking the tightrope of the so-called "real world" without a safety net, and were key in putting me where I am today.

Last week the Dallas School Board announced Mr. Mathers' retirement after 22 years with the school district, one year af-

ter the same was announced for Mr. Hughes.

Both men made learning fun, and on a regular basis gave their time to help with extracurricular activities at the high school.

I just hope that the school board can find replacements for these two men that are even half as good as they were. Future students of the school district need to get the same opportunities I was lucky enough to get, and I can't imagine walking into each of their classrooms and not seeing them behind the desk, or at the shop table talking to students.

These men befriended the students, and did not just teach from a book. They taught from the heart, and could get anyone interested in what they had to

say.

I am proud to say that I was a student in both of their classes, and the lessons they taught me outside of the classroom have aided me in just about every step of my life.

My life would have never been the same without those two men, and although I've never really had the chance to tell them in person, now I would like to say thank you to both of them.

It is because of the two of you in particular that I can sit behind this computer today, and write the best possible tribute to two amazing individuals.

The two of you will be missed, and I hope you realize the impact you've had on so many lives — especially mine.

Thank you sincerely.



70 Years Ago - June 10, 1932

DALLAS POST COMPLETES SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Dallas Post completed printing and publishing of the Kingston high school yearbook, The Kingstonian. All printing on the 500 volumes was done at the Post plant.

J.F. Besecker, local Ford dealer, demonstrated to members of Dallas township school board one of the new model Ford school busses.

Second commencement of Dallas township high school was held in Himmler theatre, Dallas, with H.C. Fetterolf, assistant director of vocational agriculture, as principal speaker.

60 Years Ago - June 12, 1942

RESIDENTS TO REGISTER FOR SUGAR IN DALLAS

Special registration for the canning sugar allotment will be held in Dallas. Local registration will take place in the Himmler Building and will be open to residents of Dallas and Kingston. One adult in each family is to apply and ration books must be

brought to the registration center.

Confronted with a government ruling which may entirely disrupt the street repair program for Dalals, borough Councilmen determined at a regular monthly meeting, to seek toe of aid of State Highway officials in gaining the releas of a large supply of oil for road surfacing.

Private Clarence E. LeBar, physical education teacher and athletic coach of Dallas Borough High School, set off for the Army. The entire Dalals band escorted Private laBar down Huntsville road to Main street, where he departed from Local Board No. 1 at Wyoming.

50 Years Ago - June 20, 1952

MAJOR PLACES THIRD AT STATE POULTRY JUDGING

A Jackson Township boy placed third in the Poultry Judging contest conducted as part of the annual State Furure Farmers of America convention held at Pennsylvania State College. Darrel Major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Major of Trucksville will participate in the national FFA Convention at Kansas City.

East Dallas teen-agers won their second straight game in the Bi-County Junior league defeating Carverton at Carverton. This puts East Dallas in a three-way tie with Westmoreland and turrell Motors of Tunkhannock for top position.

Herbert Dreher, Dallas, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Herb is a former employee of the Dallas Post.

40 Years Ago - June 14, 1962

FIRST CLASS GRADUATES FROM NEW DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL

It was the first class to graduate from the new Dallas Senior High School. W. Frank Trimble, high school principal, who presented the seniors to Charles Mannear, president of the school board, for their diplomas estimated a crowd of 1400. 141 seniors graduated.

With a few minor adjustments within the budget, not affecting the total, Dallas school directors voted to adopt ther 1962-1963 budget.

Flood-lights were installed at Dallas School parking lot authorized by Dallas School Authorities. The price of the six flood-lights was \$5,970.

30 Years Ago - June 22, 1972

FIVE DALLAS SCHOOLS REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF SEWER LINES

Five schools of Dallas School District will require installation of sewer lines in order to be connected to the new sewer system of Dalals Area Municipal Authority. The schools are Dallas Intermediate, Dallas, Shavertown, Westmoreland and Trucksville Elementary Schools.

Kingston Township Board of Supervisors expressed its intention at a meeting to meet with officials of other municipalities, and until such meetings, they will defer voting on a petition

which protests the formation of a water authority in the Back Mountain Area.

Employees of Dallas Area Municipal Authority arrived at the treatment plant site only to discover vandalism had been done to the control building and a seeded embankment of the back of the site. Chire Operator Tom Bagley reported that 12 panes of glasson the rear section of the control building had been broken by rocks, and hay, which had covered the newly-sown bank had been burned.

20 Years Ago - June 9, 1982

LAKE RESIDENTS ASKED TO CUT WEEDS, GRASS

Harveys Lake residents are being asked to cooperate with local ordinances pertaining to appearance and safety in the community, or suffer the consequences. A Brush, Grass and weed Ordinance, recently passed by Council requires property owners to remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation at least twice a month during May, June, July, August and September.

The Dallas Township Zoning Hearing Board is expected to render a decision on a Shavertown contractor's plan to build condominiums in the very near future. Boaters at Harveys Lake will be unable to purchase fuel directly from the water's edge this summer as the last pump hasgone out of service. With inflation and the high cost of gasoline the number of pumps dwindled.

New books on shelves at Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection.

FICTION
 "Mortal Prey" by John Sandford
 "Running scared" by Elizabeth Lowell
 "Dying to Please" by Linda Howard
 "Nantucket Nights" by

Elin Hilderbrand
 "Dreaming Water" by Gail Tsukiyama
 "Walk through darkness" by David Anthony Durham
 "Critical Condition" by Peter Clement
 "Halfway Home" by Mary Sheldon
 "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel
 "The House of Blue Mangoes" by David Davi-

dar
 "A Simple Habana Melody" by Oscar Hijuelos
 "Stay" by Nicola Griffith
 "The Stone Carvers" by Jane Urquhart
 "Man Walks into a Room" by Nicole Krauss
 "Cape Refuge" by Terri Blackstock
NON-FICTION
 "Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President" by

Helen Thomas
BIOGRAPHY
 "Listening to Whales" by Alexander Morton
SCIENCE FICTION
 "The Gates of Sleep" by Mercedes Lackey
 "Whole Wide World" by Paul J. McAuley
 "Chasm City" by Alastair Reynolds
BOOKS ON CD
 "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones" by

R.A. Salvatore
YOUNG ADULT
 "Walt Whitman: a biography" by Milton Meltzer
 "The Handbook of the Middle East" by Michael G. Kort
 "This Land Was Made for You and Me: the life & songs of Woody Guthrie" by Elizabeth Partridge
 "The Death Penalty: justice or legalized murder" by Ted Gottfried.

The Dallas Post

TIMES•LEADER Community Newspaper Group

P.O. BOX 366, DALLAS, TX 75201 • 570-675-5211

Ronald Bartizek
GENERAL MANAGER

Timothy J. Raub
REPORTER

William J. Dunn Jr.
ADVERTISING ACCT. EXEC.

Ruth Proietto
AD PRODUCTION MANAGER

Darlene Sorber
OFFICE MANAGER

Terry Quinn
PAGE DESIGN