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From the bullpen

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Time for another stop along the career path

I'd like to think I've constantly grown in life throughout my 25 years on this planet.

And now it is time for me to grow once again, and a change of pace has become necessary.

I will be leaving my post as reporter/copy editor at The Dallas Post, effectively August 16 and will fulfill my dream of becoming a full-time sports writer at The Pottstown Mercury.

But I would have never been able to do this if not the constant support and help from many people throughout the area.

This is the time and a place in which I can now thank many of these people.

- To the sports department at the Times Leader (Jerry Kellar, John Erzar, Steve Sembrat, Kurt Knappek, Joe Petrucci and Brian Malina) — I can't even begin to think of where my career would be without you guys. I have learned more about sports writing, dealing with people and life in general through your constant teaching and support. With your help I've been able to cover every sporting event possible and gain a passion for sports writing I never thought I would have. Your support has improved my abilities immensely.

And the Times Leader newspaper is truly lucky to have such a great group in charge of sports.

- To the various people I've worked with in both the political and educational worlds in the Back Mountain — I know I haven't always been your favorite person to hear on the other end of the telephone or see at the conclusion of a heated debate, but your ability to recognize my objectivity has been truly professional. It is not easy to run a municipal government, school district or sports program, and I hope each of you will continue to strive for the best possible way of life for the people you deal with daily.

- To the staff at The Dallas Post — Keep hammering away. The demand for a voice in the Back Mountain is great, and The Post has been able to provide that for some time. We strive to provide the citizens of this great area with the most in-depth and comprehensive news coverage possible, while promoting the great work of this area's youth, athletes, government officials and civil service providers to the highest extent possible. It is not an easy job, but I feel we are on top of things day-in and day-out. Ron Bartizek, thank you for giving me an opportunity to shake things up a bit and put my fingerprints on this great paper. Darlene Sorber, keep smiling. The older sister I'm glad I didn't have, you've given me

- To my parents — Thanks for having me. We've butted heads for 25 years, and will continue, I'm sure. But your support (both emotionally and FINANCIALLY!!!) has given me the opportunity to grow in ways you can't even begin to imagine.

- To the many close and dear friends I've made along the way.

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For many sports fans, the only season that matters is about to start at the high school level. Fall practice began Monday for all sports, the first time squads and coaches could get together as a unit. The Dallas football team was out at 8 a.m. for practice before the hot summer sun got high in the sky. In photo above, linemen take their positions under the watchful eyes of coaches John McNeil, right, and Marty Murray, left.

In left photo, head coach Ted Jackson surveyed this year's Mountaineer squad.

At right, John Hettes was about to pull in a pass reception.

The season gets underway for real on August 31, when Dallas plays host to Coughlin.

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Giacometti medals Keystone Games

Lisa Giacometti, 13 of Dallas, won a Silver medal at the 2002 Keystone State Summer Games. Giacometti competed in the 13-15 Female of the Cross Country competition.



Yankees complete Championship season

The Yankees of the Back Mountain Little League Major Division completed their season, winning the 2002 regular season championship with a 15-4 record. The Yankees also captured the American League playoff championship, and finished the season with an overall record of 17-5. The Yankees had winning streaks of seven and 10 games during the year.

Pictured from left, first row: Ryan Williams, Cody McHutchinson, Sam VanHorn, Christopher Ellis, DJ Berley, Thomas McGrath. Second row: Dennis Ellis, Coach, Mark Shaver, Coach, Josh Shaver, Joseph Collini, Henry Messinger, Myer Messinger, Michael McHutchinson, Scott Skammer, Steve Skammer, Manager.



Back Mountain X-Plosion captures U-9 Championship

Five members from the Back Mountain X-Plosion travel soccer team recently captured first place in the U-9 division at the Lackawanna County 3-v-3 Soccer Clash held at the Lackawanna County multipurpose stadium.

The first place finish qualified X-plosion to compete in the 3-v-3 Regionals. X-plosion will represent the region in the U-9 age division on August 17 and 18 in Hackensack, New Jersey.

The 3-v-3 X-Plosion team is coached by Ken Kalinay, and assisted by Nick Zapoticky and Brian Harding.

Shown are team members from left: Brandon Harding, Stephen Zapoticky, Chad Wandel, Jake Kalinay and Nick Zabriski.