

OUR OPINION

Do your part, vote in the May 17 Primary

Below is a list of candidates in key contested races in the May 17 Primary Election. Registered voters with a party affiliation may vote in their party's primary. Note that many candidates "cross file," which places their name on both the Democrat and Republican ballots. Unless there are numerous candidates for a seat, a candidate who wins both primaries has essentially won election. On May 17, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dallas School District - 2 year term, 1 seat

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| Democrat | Republican |
| David James Usavage | David James Usavage |
| Dennis Gochoel | Dennis Gochoel |

Dallas School District - 4 year term, 4 seats

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| Democrat | Republican |
| Todd M. Buckley | Todd M. Buckley |
| Richard G. Coslett | Richard G. Coslett |
| Joyce Dombroski Gebhardt | Joyce Dombroski Gebhardt |
| Karen Z. Kyle | Karen Z. Kyle |
| Maureen Banks Matiska | Maureen Banks Matiska |
| Dick Orlowski | Dick Orlowski |
| Thomas P. Stearns | Thomas P. Stearns |

Franklin Township Supervisor - 6 year term, 1 seat

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| Democrat | Republican |
| Lance Baseski | Jay W. Futch |
| Robert Wineman | Fred Ted W. Dymond |

Harveys Lake Borough Council - 4 year term, 3 seats

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| Democrat | Republican |
| John J.W. Wilson | Francis J. Kopko |
| Larry Lucarino | Ralph C. Leibig |
| Bill Hilbert | |
| Ed Kelly | |
| Betty Jane West | |
| J. Peter Farrell | |

Kingston Township Supervisor - 4 year term, 2 seats

- Republican**
- Paul M. Sabol
 - Carl Goodwin
 - Robert F. Wright Sr.
 - Alan J. Lord
 - David J. Brodhead
 - Rosaria Mary Shaver

Lake-Lehman School District Region 1 4 year term, 1 seat

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| Democrat | Republican |
| Charles H. Crane | Charles H. Crane |
| Charles J. Balavage | Charles J. Balavage |
| Dave McLaughlin-Smith | |

Lake-Lehman School District Region 3 4 year term, 2 seats

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| Democrat | Republican |
| Andrew N. Salko | Andrew N. Salko |
| Harold R. Grey | Harold R. Grey |
| David Paulauskas | David Paulauskas |
| Sheila Gionfriddo | Sheila Gionfriddo |

Voting locations change in Kingston Township

Two of the three polling places in Kingston Township have been moved since the last election.

Voters in the Southwest District will now pull levers at the Education Center of the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Church Road. The location was changed due to concerns about parking and safety at the Trucksville fire hall.

The Northeast District polling place will be at St. Francis Cabrini Church, near the Mt. Olivet and Church road intersection. The former site — the Mountain Grange Hall on Carverton Road — is being sold.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On May 16, 1866, Congress votes to discontinue use of the half-disme, a small silver coin. The disme's demise resulted in the birth of one of the enduring coins of the late 19th and 20th centuries — a five-cent piece affectionately dubbed the "nickel."

- On May 17, 1930, the radio quiz show "Information Please" is first broadcast. While previous quiz shows had posed difficult questions to ordinary people, "Information Please" assembled a panel of experts and intellectuals and asked them tricky questions. The show ran for 18 years.

- On May 21, 1945, 46-year-old Humphrey Bogart marries Lauren Bacall, his co-star in "To Have and Have Not" (1944). Bacall was less than half his age.

- On May 19, 1969, 6-year-old Jodie Foster makes her show-business debut, on the TV show "Mayberry R.F.D." Foster grew up to become one of Hollywood's most respected actresses, winning Oscars for her roles in "The Accused" (1988) and "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991).

- On May 22, 1977, Janet Guthrie becomes the first female to qualify for the Indianapolis 500. Guthrie failed to finish the 1977 race due to mechanical problems, but the following year she finished in ninth place, a remarkable feat considering her meager funding.

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Patterns on water. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LETTERS

Weigh school directors' conduct when voting

As I listened to the speakers during my daughter's graduation from the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre program, the topics covered in a short graduation speech spoke volumes to the behavior (or should I say misbehavior) of specific school board members that I've observed at Dallas School Board meetings over the past year.

The three most important characteristics of a good leader include: listening skills, communication skills and teamwork. I believe these characteristics are listed in order of importance, and notice that listening skills hold the first slot. It has been quite obvious to those in attendance at school board meetings over the past year that some individuals on

the school board have very poor listening and communication skills and are allergic to teamwork.

As individual school board members pay lip service to the public during the comment section of meetings and deny that private agendas are being followed, their actions speak louder than their words. Taxpayers just need to listen to the discussion on the questions, observe the inequitable distribution of information among the board members prior to a vote and catalog the arrogant, belittling and smugly phrased comments exchanged between school board members.

Public figures should remember that even the appearance of impropriety is as bad as truly

documented overt impropriety. School board meetings have become a "teachable moment" for my children. I'd like the meetings to demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities of adults and sometimes that happens. But even the children are astute enough to realize that there are individuals who will not listen, will not communicate and will not participate in teamwork.

If we charge the members on a school board with the task of making rational, informed decisions concerning the education and fiduciary responsibilities of the school district, then it is our civic duty and responsibility as taxpayers and parents of students in the Dallas School District to elect the most qualified leaders to those positions.

Through an enlightened school board, we can hire the best faculty, the best educators and the best administrators who will carry out progressive programs within the school district. It is our duty as adults to provide the doors and windows of opportunity to our future adults and community leaders who are now students.

The graduates of the Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre program were charged with leading by example. As adults we are all leaders and need to do the same. So become engaged in the process, vote in the primary election on May 17 and make your actions speak louder than their words.

Debra A. Serfass
Shavertown

70 Years Ago
May 17, 1935

COMMUNITY MOURNS J.B. HILDEBRANT

John B. Hildebrandt, for many years a prominent figure in the business life of this section,



died on Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John H. Frantz, 84 Norton Avenue, Dallas, six days before his 83rd birthday.

Miss Madge Anderson's Kingston Township High School Girls' Glee Club won second prize, a silver cup, in the Luzerne County inter-school contest last Friday night at Edwardsville High School.

While flames consumed a cancelled mortgage note on their church, the congregation of Huntsville Christian Church sang and their pastor, Rev. C.H. Frick, prayed, as testimony of their thanks.

60 Years Ago
May 18, 1945

OLIVER RETURNS TO U.S. HOSPITAL

Pvt. James Oliver Jr. has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., where he will undergo further hospitalization after spending the past thirty days with his family in Dallas.

The funeral of Dominick Detter, four years sergeant-at-arms of Daddow-Issacs Post American Legion was held Monday morning from St. Therese's Church with full military rites. Mr. Detter, aged 60, died at his home on Maplewood Avenue in Dallas, following a long illness resulting from

injuries received from his service in World War I.

Franklin Township Honor Roll, with more than seventy names, will be dedicated on the Orange School grounds Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 2 o'clock.

50 Year Ago
May 20, 1955

TANGLES WITH ELECTRIC FENCE, SAVED BY NEIGHBOR

Mrs. George Covert of Bloomingdale rescued her next door neighbor, Bryan Culver, 58, from entanglement with an electric fence Monday morning at 11:30. Mrs. Covert, hanging laundry in her back yard, heard moans from behind Mr. Culver's barn and found him slumped over the barbed wire, his shoulder entangled.

Independent Republican candidates for county office made a clean sweep of it in Tuesday's Primary Election in the Back Mountain area. T. Newell Wood and Bowden Northrup ran three to one ahead of Herman Kersteen, incumbent, for County Commissioner.

Lee Ohlman, junior at Wyoming Seminary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ohlman, Machell Avenue, will be awarded his Eagle Scout emblem at a dinner, Wednesday night at Dallas Methodist Church.

40 Years Ago
May 20, 1965

HIX IS TWICE HUNG

Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Dallas Post, has been hung twice within the past month — once off stage with the audience pricking their ears for the death rattle, and the second time at Wyoming National Bank, where she shares honors with Koe

MacVeigh as part of Ralph DeWitt's photo display.

Sgt. Michael L. Houston, son of Mrs. Catherine Bogdon, Fernbrook, is with the United States Special Forces in Vietnam. He has been stationed at Long Xuyen, but is now being transferred to Chau Phu on the Mekong River.

Harveys Lake people breathed a sigh of relief this week as the State Department of Health ended the virtual embargo on fun in the sun imposed last year because of raw sewage contamination resulting in high bacteria count.

30 Years Ago
May 15, 1975

LOCAL PASTOR'S SERMON SPARKS VIETNAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Irvin C. Wise, who retains an office in Washington's South Vietnamese embassy, was recently inspired by Rev. Andrew Pillarella to help those in need overseas. While attending services in Dallas Trinity Church, he heard the Rev. Pillarella mentioned in a sermon that the community should do something to help the refugees coming into the country after the fall of Vietnam. Wise "took the idea to Washington and mentioned it to the South Vietnamese ambassador." From there, the idea took hold, according to wise, and the Church Committee on Vietnam was formed.

N.J. Dymond submitted his resignation May 5 to Franklin Twp. Supervisors as a member of the Franklin Township Zoning Commission, police officer of the township, and sewage enforcement officer of the township.

Miss Gini Lea Kunkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laing T. Batchler, 30 Stearling Ave., Dallas, and Charles L. Kunkle, Litz, became the bride of Brian M. Skurski, 409 E. Washington Street, Nanticoke, April 19, in a candlelight ceremony at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.

20 Years ago
May 15, 1985

VANDALS STRIKE NEW LIBRARY

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has suffered several attacks from unknown vandals over the course of the last month and a half, according to Bill Frederick, head librarian. He says the vandalism began in early April when someone smashed in a basement door. The building, which is still under construction, has recently been subjected to graffiti, smashed glass, and the demolishing of several book shelves stored behind it.

The recently formed Citizens Committee of Kingston Township Area, at the regular meeting of the Township Supervisors last Wednesday, again voiced objections to operations they claim are being conducted by John Brdaric, owner of Brdaric Excavating Company. This time, the complaints were aimed at Brdaric's dump trucks and the alleged destruction resulting to township and state roads from the heavy equipment.

John Miliauskas, Director of the Lake-Lehman Band and Chairman of the Fine Arts Department of Lake-Lehman School, has been a music educator for many years and has many honors bestowed upon him. The most recent of these, his induction into the Phi Beta Mu Fraternity, is the most prestigious.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week? A: Only in The Post

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