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Community roots help Reinert grow

By DAVE KONOPKI
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DALLAS TWP. — Growing up, Paul Reinert wanted to work in a position that would allow him to have an impact on a young people. The 47-year-old says his new job will allow him to do that — and have a positive affect on the entire community, as well.

The Dallas resident was appointed to the position of assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Dallas School District during a recent school board meeting. Reinert, the principal at Dallas Elementary School, will assume his new

duties in the near future and high school assistant principal Thomas Traver will take over the principal duties at Dallas Elementary.

Reinert was an educator in the Lake-Lehman School District for 16 years, working as a science teacher and guidance counselor, before coming to Dallas 1997. He was the assistant high school principal under then-principal Frank Galicki for more than three years. He became the assistant middle school principal in 2001 before taking over as the principal at Dallas Elementary School in 2004.

"I always wanted to be a doctor and work with kids. And I guess it turns out that I am," said Reinert with a laugh. He earned

his doctorate from Marywood University in 2004. "I wanted to be teacher or pediatrician."

The decision to go into education administration came later in life, says Reinert.

"When I was a guidance counselor, I saw the influence I could have from a non-instructional aspect," he said. "I thought can do something positive as an administrator. I believe I can still help kids and I can have a lasting impact on the whole community from this position."

The son of James and Margaret Reinert of Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown grew up in the Back Mountain and graduated from Bishop O'Reilly High School in 1977. Reinert and his wife Kimberly have three children, Virgin-

ia, 16; Jake, 14; and Samuel, 11. All three kids are students in the Dallas School District.

"It's fun to be part of the same community for your whole life," he said.

The connection to the community will be a valuable asset in Reinert's new job, says Galicki, who is now the Dallas School District superintendent.

"When he worked at the high school, he impressed us very much with his work ethic and his ability to work with kids," Galicki said. "He's a bright, intelligent man with strong family values and he knows a lot of people in the community. That's going to benefit him. He was definitely

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Paul Reinert of Dallas, a lifelong resident of the Back Mountain, is the new assistant superintendent in the Dallas School District.



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Surviving veterans from World War II were honored during a Pearl Harbor breakfast last weekend at the Dallas American Legion. Attending the event, from left, first row are Tom Reese, Ed Buckley, Ted Kostrobola, Joe Drust, Walton Farrar and Steve Hozempa. Second row: Willis Ide, Wally Gosart, Peter Roushey, George Horwatt, Kep Gottshalk, Mary Reese, Tom Templin, Len Groboski, Bob Johnston and Willard Lozo.

Veterans recall days of WW II

By DAVE KONOPKI
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DALLAS — One by one, the World War II veterans stood in the basement of the Dallas American Legion on a cold December morning to tell their stories.

Many of the stories were followed by laughs. Others produced tears.

Sixteen veterans from the World War II era were honored last weekend as Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 held its annual Pearl Harbor breakfast. The 16 veterans were among the more than 40 people who attended the event, which is held near the anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on the Hawaiian naval base.

"There are two reasons we wanted to have this breakfast," said Dallas American Legion commander Clarence Michael. "First, we want to make sure (the attack on) Pearl Harbor is never forgotten. And second, we wanted to honor our World War II veterans. The guys are getting up in age. Most of them are in their 80s. We want to honor them as much as we can before it's too late."

Before he played portions of two videos about the attack on Pearl Harbor, Michael asked the World War II veterans to stand and state their name, branch of military in which they served, and where they were stationed during the war.

The veterans responded with the information, as well as stories about their respective tours of duty. They represented all branches of the military — Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army Air Corps, and Merchant Marines.

There were tank drivers who rolled through Germany. Infantrymen who battled their way through northern and southern France. Tailgunners who flew missions over the Philippines. And nurses who took care of the injured men when they returned to the United States.



George Horwatt, a veteran of the Pacific front during World War II, looks at some of the foreign currency he collected while he was in the military.

"I couldn't do that today," said legion member Kep Gottshalk, who joined the Navy at the tender age of 17 and served on the destroyer USS Gherardi. "Now, I'm older and wiser. When you're young, you feel no harm can come to you. That's why young people do well in the military. I strongly feel every young person should serve some time in the military. It's good for you."

The Dallas resident served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years, 7

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Veterans of World War II, including Walton Farrar, told their stories during a special breakfast last weekend at the Dallas American Legion.

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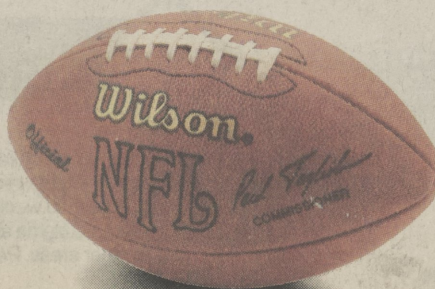
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So, you think you know a lot about college football. Well, if you know more about the sport than Dallas Post editor Dave Konopki, you could win one of four cash prizes — including a grand prize of \$100. Next week, Dave will be making his annual college bowl predictions. If you choose more correct winners than Dave, you'll be one step closer to a little cash. For contest details, see Page 9.



WHO'S THE OLDEST?

This week, the Dallas Post is publishing the birthday announcement of Dorothy Tubridy, who recently celebrated her 99th birthday. The Shavertown resident once taught students in a one-room schoolhouse. And last week we published the obituary of Arreta Phillips, a 105-year-old lady who also taught in one-room schoolhouses. The items got us thinking: Who's the oldest living person in the Back Mountain? If you think you know a resident of the Dallas or Lake-Lehman school district who might be the oldest person in our community, let us know about it. Not only will it make for a nice feature story, it's a great way to archive the names of some of the longest-living residents in our neighborhoods.

You may e-mail the person's name, age and hometown to news@mydallaspost.com or call editor Dave Konopki with the information at 829-7248. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case we have any questions. We'll be sure to let our readers know the results of the search.