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Reminiscing in the girl's locker room at Dallas High School are, from left, Lucy Messersmith, Helene Dainowski, Florence Chevalier, Denise Wilber and Susan Jones.

Walking through DHS once again

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Florence Chevalier remembers how she and others in the Dallas High School Class of 1968 found ways to bend the rules.

Chevalier, of Florence, Ariz., says girls were not allowed to wear pants and one day, teachers called all the girls to the gym and made them line up on their knees. If a girl's hem did not touch the floor, her skirt was too short and she would be in trouble. Chevalier and other girls would unzip their skirts and push them farther down their waists just before they were measured.

Members of the Dallas High School Class of 1968 recently received a special treat during their 40th anniversary reunion weekend - a walking tour of their alma mater. About two dozen people took advantage of the tour given on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 6, by Dallas School District Superintendent Frank Galicki.

"God, they look so different," said Sally Roper as her classmates entered the school.

Dallas High School opened in 1961 with the Class of 1962 having the honor of being the first graduating class. The school merged students from the former Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Kingstown Township and Franklin Township high schools.

Before the walking tour, Galicki invited everyone into the stifling hot auditorium to view a Powerpoint presentation about the upcoming new high school that will be built. Plans call for the current high school building to be razed once the new high school is completed.

Although the tour was meant

for the Class of 1968, graduates of all Dallas High School classes were welcome. Brenda Dill, of Nanticoke, a member of the Class of 1988, wanted to see her school before it is destroyed.

"I was a little upset because it's part of history coming down, but it's an old building and they have to do what they have to do," Dill said. "When they demolish it, I'm probably going to come up and steal one of the stones (from the building)."

Linda Staaf, Class of 1966, was in town from San Francisco, Calif. visiting her parents, Charles and Dorothy Nicol, of Shavertown. Her brother, Bob Nicol, Class of 1968, was going to the tour and when Staaf found out, she was interested.

"I haven't been back since my 20th (reunion)," Staaf said while looking around the school she attended as a teenager. "They said they're going to have a tour of the school and I said, 'Ooh, you think I can come?'"

Bert Gosart, Class of 1968, of Mesa, Ariz., visited Dallas High School for the first time in 40 years.

"I think it looks like just what I expected," Gosart said. "I always wanted to take a walk through these buildings."

As the alumni went through the school, different memories and stories came about. Some had never been in the "senior wing," an addition that was finished in 1968 after they graduated. The class also recalled multiple rows of lockers near the office, which were removed because, according to Galicki, they were a security risk.

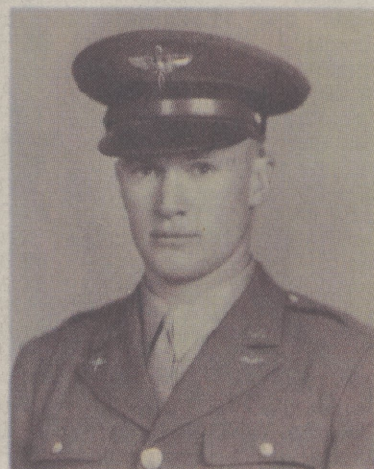
They also noticed the library is in a new location. Eddie Rome, of Dallas, quickly remembered an incident that oc-

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Members of the Dallas High School Class of 1968 reunite during a reunion tour of the high school. From left, are Charlotte Farley, Wendy Earl and Sally Roper. For more photos, visit www.mydallaspost.com.



Rep. Karen Boback to hold tribute Sept. 20 in honor of military personnel



Herbert Carl Culp, deceased, is shown in his military uniform. Culp, formerly of Huntsville, was just 24 years old when he died in Unterhausen, Germany during World War II.



Residents of Unterhausen, Germany show Mark Major the site of where his great-uncle, Herbert Carl Culp, was laid to rest after his plane crashed in the town during World War II, killing him.

Remembering heroes

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IF YOU GO

What: Military tribute program, presented by State Rep. Karen Boback
When: Saturday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m.
Where: Dallas Middle School
For more photos, visit www.mydallaspost.com.

None of Herbert Carl Culp's relatives knew for sure exactly what happened to the American soldier from Huntsville in World War II.

That was until his great-nephew, Mark Major, began corresponding through e-mail with Donald H. Trott, of Wisconsin. Trott and Culp were co-pilots of a plane called "Guess Who's Here" that crashed on July 12, 1944 in Unterhausen, Germany.

Culp ordered everyone to bail out of the plane but by the time he did so himself, it was too late for his parachute to deploy. Culp died of a broken neck when he jumped into a tree. His fellow soldiers were captured as prisoners of war.

Ginny Major, of Dallas, Culp's niece and Mark Major's mother, was a child when her uncle died. She thought he may have been a prisoner of war who was murdered, but later found out from the co-pilot that Culp has been missing in action and was declared deceased a year later.

"I was about 12 years old, but he was my favorite uncle," Major said of Culp. "I have a little card here he sent me at Christmas-time. I have the original church bulletin of the church he grew up in (from Huntsville

Christian Church) where they honored him."

Major submitted a photo of Culp in his military uniform to be included in State Representative Karen Boback's (R-Harveys Lake) military tribute at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Dallas Middle School.

The program will feature guest speaker Neno Sartini of the Italian-American-Korean War Vets and a multi-media presentation on 117th district military veterans, prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action.

"We're going to do a Powerpoint of all old photos set to patriotic music," said Carol Sweeney, legislative aide and outreach coordinator for Boback. "We know this is something that is going to be very sensitive because of the current situation with the POWs and MIAs."

Sweeney credits Clarence Michael, of Dallas, for suggesting the theme of a public tribute to POWs and MIAs. Members of the national non-profit POW/MIA advocacy

group Rolling Thunder will roll in on their motorcycles at the start of the event. Students of Major Performing Arts Center, directed by Gina Major-Ackerman, Major's daughter, will sing musical selections. A roll call of the POWs and MIAs in the 117th district will be read.

In September 2007, Mark Major, and his wife, Kara, ventured to Unterhausen, Germany to see if anyone remembered the plane crash that killed Culp. What they discovered was more than they could ever have hoped for.

The couple met three townspeople who were children at the time of the plane crash. At first, Unterhausen residents thought they were being bombed and the children were ordered into their basements. But once people realized the plane had crashed, the three children ran to the scene.

The boys took parts of the plane, including rubber stripping to use as slingshots, the wing to shelter cars in the wintertime and plastic of which they broke off pieces and carved into hearts for their girlfriends. One of the boys took a live bullet from the plane, causing it to explode and blow off the tips of some of his fingers.

Although German soldiers removed the remaining parts of the plane by railroad,

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FAST FUN AT THE FAIR



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Enjoying the parachute ride at the Luzerne County Fair are, from left, Alexa Remakus, Drew Patton and Noah Civiletti. For more photos of the fair, see page 5.

Veterinarian dies at age 81

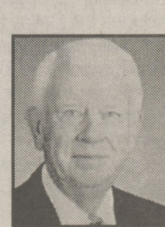
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The impact Dr. Richard Post, VMD, made on animals, pet owners in the Back Mountain and beyond will long be remembered.

Post, 81, of Kingston, died on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008, at the Village at Greenbriar in Dallas.

The Trucksville native established the Back Mountain Veterinary Hospital, located on the corner of Route 415 and Center Hill Road in Dallas, in 1956, two years after graduating with honors from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. He worked and even-

tually lived at the veterinary hospital until his retirement in 1992, treating many Back Mountain animals in his 36 years there.



Post

Post's sister, Janet Phillips, of Trucksville, believes Post became interested in veterinary medicine largely because, as a child, he spent many summers on their uncle's farm in southern Pennsylvania. At the farm, Post helped tend to the animals. Phillips also remembers her brother

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