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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This gas lease holder protecting what is his

Dear Editor:

The people in Dallas Township who oppose the pipelines coming into their area characterize property owners and gas lease holders as a minority; a few even accuse us of being greedy. These people do not own the land or hold gas leases from which the gas extraction will be done.

Families who have paid taxes for several generations have a legal right to what is rightfully theirs. It disturbs me that much of the opposition to natural gas development and the Williams and Chief projects comes from folks intent on trying to intimidate property owners who will benefit from it. They don't seem to have a very high regard for our property rights, liberty or the pursuit of happiness.

Pipelines and metering stations are nothing new to Dallas. They have been in the area for decades without incident; moreover, as royalties start to come in, landowners reinvest that money in their properties and tax yields grow. You can be sure Dallas Township will be among the first to benefit. Every business and household benefits from economic prosperity.

The Transco pipeline was installed several years before the school system constructed a school building which now is claimed to be in too close proximity to the pipeline. What were the architects, school board and builders thinking when they OK'd the construction of a building where they did and now a sudden danger is eminent? If they had done their homework then, it would have been a mute issue now. Do not blame the pipeline companies, landowners and lease holders who live on 87

miles of pipelines for their mistakes.

I have had the privilege of attending several meetings where gas drilling was blamed for ruining wells and bodies of water. This simply is not true. It couldn't be more clear to me that the real issue for these folks isn't the damage gas drilling companies do to the water or the environment. Rather, these people are one of three types: one type is determined to impose its own ideological agenda and sees gas as a threat to that agenda, a second group is intent on convincing others to vote them into political office and the third involves plain old NIMBY (not in my backyard) types. All three end up giving lease holders and gas drilling companies black eyes as a way to advance their own special interest.

There is a coalition that has gone so far as to get time on public TV to claim that trucks used in gas drilling will ruin the road infrastructure. The trucks used by the gas industry are a drop in the bucket to the thousands of trucks every day that bring food and other life-sustaining commodities to this area. Any damage done by the above-mentioned vehicles, the repair and upkeep is placed on the backs of taxpayers. Any damage done by gas company trucks is paid for and repaired by the gas companies.

The landowners and lease holders who own the gas and oil are not in the minority. We are all too often "the silent majority." We cannot allow a small contingent of vocal individuals to distort our needs or opinions any longer.

Wayne E. Weaver
Northmoreland Township

New county council member is grateful for community support

Dear Editor:

I am humbly thankful for all who helped me in any way with the November 8 election. Anything we accomplish in life is not accomplished without help from others.

My fellow Luzerne County Council members are a wonderful group with many varied talents. I am honored to be a part of these elected officials.

I am sure I am not presumptive

when I say we are all appreciative to the voters.

We must select a county manager and approve a budget. These are two daunting and very important tasks.

I ask for all your prayers so we will be given the ability to work together and make logical decisions about the best use of the county taxpayers' money.

Eugene Kelleher
Dallas Township



YOUR SPACE

Photographer Jill Spencer, of Meeker Road in Lehman, calls this fall photo taken in Lehman, "Looking up." Jill thinks the photo looks almost like it might be upside down but it isn't. It was taken from underneath the tree.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

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Information must include the submitting person's name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions. Readers wishing to have their photos returned

should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

20 YEARS AGO - 1991

The Dallas Gridiron Club met recently to present jackets to senior members of the Dallas football team. Those receiving jackets were Dave Fitch, Lenny Kelly, Bob Luke, John Morris, Frank Natitus, Dave Podehl, Jeremiah Van Orden and Chris Williams.



ONLY YESTERDAY

Mary Bianca Ricci may only be a fifth grade student but she's welcome to shop at College Misericordia's bookstore any time, say college representatives. Ricci, a student at Gate of Heaven in Dallas, was designated a "special kid" for winning the \$100 gift certificate donated by Misericordia and given away at WNEP-TV's For Our Kids special open house. Misericordia is one of four sponsors of the program which focuses on children's issues.

30 YEARS AGO - 1981

Brian Evans of Beaumont was awarded the Lew Reese Memorial plaque given annually to the Back Mountain Teener who makes the most outstanding contribution to the game. The award was presented at a recent banquet at which Bob Boone and John Vukovich of the Phillies were guest speakers.

Dr. Irving Berger was presented an attendance award by Dallas Lions President Frank Rollman at a recent meeting. The award recognized Berger's 25 years of service to the club.

40 YEARS AGO - 1971

The Dallas Senior High School Key Club set the wheels in motion for their annual Cider Sale to be held at the Homecoming football game with Central Catholic High School. Among the members of the club who participated in the first phase of the sale are: Kevin Chadwick, Jack Coon, Bill Race, Wayne Evans, Louis Sappe, Bob Hannigan, Steve Summa, Larry Fritzsche, Ted Wilson, Eddie Riefenstahl, Alan Shaver, Luther Rozelle and Jon Jay LaBerge.

The Back Mountain Branch of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual fall card party and fashion show this afternoon at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Coordinators of the event are: Mrs. Ted Popielarz, Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. John Konsavage, Mrs. Gurdo Bronzo, Mrs. Thomas Brislin, Mrs. Anthony Pende and Mrs. Paul Menapace.

50 YEARS AGO - 1961

Two Dallas Senior High School students took first place prizes in the Safe-T-O Driving Contest conducted by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association Casualty Insurance Company. Barbara Tag took first place in the girls' division. Barry Slocum took Grand Prize. A total of 46 students from 14 schools participated.

Four senior Dallas Senior High School students have been honored for high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring. W. Frank Trimble, high school principal, names these commended students: Lewis Chere, Mary Bennett, Barbara Tag and Diane Payne.

60 YEARS AGO - 1951

Janice Houser, 15, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Houser, Shavertown, has been elected treasurer of Wyoming Junior Red Cross. Janice, a sophomore, is starting her fourth year as official delegate from Westmoreland High School, having held this position since seventh grade.

Dallas Senior Girl Scouts are planning a basement room for brownies in the Library Annex. Redecoration will start at the ground floor, with laying of cement to supplement cement flooring already in place. Members of the troop committee met Thursday evening at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Robert Fleming, to complete plans for parent cooperation. Mrs. Stefan Hel-

lersperk is troop leader, Mrs. James Lacy assistant.

70 YEARS AGO - 1941

Mr. George Lewis is directing the senior play to be held in the Dallas Borough School, Friday evening. The cast includes William Wagner, John, Joseph, Kathleen Bogart, Helen LaBar, Isabelle Hunt, Donald Cosgrove, Dorothy Doran, Margaret Jones, Edwin Nelson, Jay Gould, Jane Ayre and Louis Kelly and the play selected is "Girl Shy" a three-act comedy by Katherine Cavanaugh.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was 18th-century German scientist Georg Christoph Lichtenberg who made the following sage observation: "Everyone is a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together."

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (popularly known by a line from the chorus, "Glory, glory hallelujah") was written by Julia Ward Howe in November of 1861 after the author made a trip to Washington, D.C., and reviewed Union troops near the city. The song was published the following February in The Atlantic Monthly magazine, earning Howe a grand total of \$4 for what was destined to become one of the most popular songs of the Civil War and a perennial American classic.

When cartoon icon Bugs Bunny first appeared, in 1935, he was called "Happy Rabbit."

If you're a cat owner, it probably will come as no surprise that cats spend approximately 80 percent of their time sleeping.

Becoming a sports star is the dream of many young people, so you might think that someone who is signed to a professional baseball contract has it made. You'd be wrong, though; only one out of every 10 athletes who sign such a contract ever becomes a major-league ballplayer.

You've certainly heard the old adage "lightning never strikes twice" but, strictly speaking, it's not true. Technically, lightning always strikes twice. Each lightning bolt is made up of multiple bolts that travel the same path and strike the same spot in swift succession.

"HOW DO YOU PREPARE A TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER?"



"They just buy it, then we take the stuffing out and cook it."

Colby Roberts
Sweet Valley



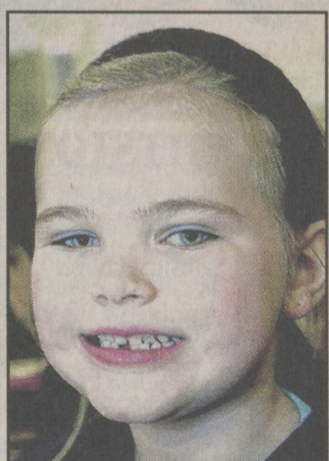
"They stuff them but they don't kill the turkeys. They just bang them on the table and we help eat them."

Sarayah Smith
Hunlock Creek



"Stuff it with different vegetables. This year, my father said I could carve it myself."

Andrew Evans
Sweet Valley



"Cut it and then squish it all down with your hands."

Adora Shannon
Sweet Valley



"First, you take all the bones out and then all the guts out and then you cook it."

Faith DePiero
Hunlock Creek



"I would use my hunting knife to cut a hole in the turkey and put stuffing in it with a spoon."

Chad Honeywell
Hunlock Creek