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The past is never done. It is not even past-William Faulkner

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Downingtown area news 52 years ago

Activities at **Downingtown High School** dominated local newspapers' coverage of the area in the early part of October 1962.

Due to Downingtown's **new curfew hour**, students had 15 minutes to return to their homes after school dances at DHS ended at 11 PM.

Members of the **jayvee cheerleading squad** included Marty Menas, Donna Hilton, Linda Pyle, Margaret Harrison, Sally Galt, Janet Rigg, Linda McCombs, Ann Griffith, Sandy Barlow, Janet Tipton and Cathy Thomas.

Officers of the **Future Teachers of America** chapter were Xandra Koppenhaver, president; Susan Whittaker, vice president; Gwen Habecker, secretary; and Janine Davis, treasurer.

Officers of the **DHS Student Council** were Randy Reeves, president; vice president; Mary Ann Smedley, treasurer; Maryann DiMatteo, secretary; Donna McElroy, assistant secretary; Jeff Smith, tribunal clerk; and Harry Hilton, sergeant-at-arms.

Elected as officers of the **National Junior Honor Society** were Kathleen Martin, president; John Shafran, vice president; Linda Lammey, secretary; and William Inslee, treasurer.

The **Whippet football team** bounced back, after losing its first two Ches-Mont League contests, to Spring-Ford and Phoenixville, by upsetting West Chester 12-7. Grant Smith, a 6-1, 204-pound, senior tackle, starred for the Blue and Gold in Downingtown's first league win. Also winning accolades from head coach Ray DiSerafino were backs Gordon Flowers (two TDs), and Beanie Williams (47 yards in 10 carries).

However, the **DHS cross-country squad** succumbed to West Chester 22-38. Downingtown's Jeff Smith finished second, and Lloyd Asparagus came in fourth in the dual meet.

Other local news

There were only 10 lots left in the **Highland Crest Homes** development on Highland Avenue, in the west end of Downingtown, according to Smedley and Aumiller, real estate agents. The down payment for the \$13,590 homes was \$390.

The dedication of the new **East Brandywine Fire Co.** facility in Guthriesville included a parade of 30 fire companies. Bill Hart, Philadelphia TV personality who lived in East Brandywine, emceed the dedication ceremonies.

Mrs. David Ross was the leader of the newly formed **West Ward Brownie Troop**, which met on Monday afternoons at the First Baptist Church, Downingtown. Members of the troop committee were Mrs. Robert Cozzone, Mrs. Charles Davis and Mrs. Albert Skiles. Other committee members were: Mrs. Harry Foreman and Mrs. Joyce Hensen, typing; Mrs. Irving Geschwindt and Mrs. Mrs. John McDonald, telephone; Mrs. Robert Forrest, publicity; and Mrs. Jay Wasmuth, cookies.

Members of the **Downingtown Lions Club** who earned perfect attendance pins were Vinton Smedley and Louis Lear, 15 years; Maurie Davis, Elton Weikle and William Reed, 10 years; and Bill Woodruff, Dick Hutchison and Ben Valocchi, five years.

Preliminary plans for the **Pickering Valley Elementary School** on Byers Road in Upper Uwchlan were unveiled by the Pickering Brandywine School Board. The school was to be built behind the Windsor School. It was projected to be opened during the 1963-64 school year.

Downingtown Junior High seventh graders who made **rock displays** for a science project were Val DiEuliis, Martha Brown, Bruce Jones, Lillian Echols, Kathy Boyle and Mary Ann Hipple.

Officers of the Downingtown Area Historical Society are: Parry Desmond, president; Ernie Jameson, vice president; Carol Grigson, treasurer and archivist; Marion Piccolomini, recording secretary. The board of directors includes: Harry Helms, Mike Dunn, Francine Dague and Phil Dague.

Michael Moran wins Restaurant Raffle

Francine Dague, who chaired the Historical Society's second annual Restaurant Raffle, thanked everyone who bought tickets and the six restaurants which each provided \$200 meal vouchers to the winner. Michael F. Moran bought the winning ticket.

The participating restaurants were: **The Thorndale Inn, Amani's BYOB, St. Anthony's Restaurant, Kimberton Inn, The General Warren Inne and The Orangery at Glen Isle.**

Proceeds from the Raffle will be used to help pay for the re-pointing of the leaking stonework of the east wall of Ashbridge House, our 305-year-old headquarters on Route 30 in East Caln.

Louise and Katie recall DHS fight additional song lyrics

It took a village to retrieve the complete lyrics to the DHS fight song. The quest started several weeks ago, when Donna Kneisly, DHS teacher and Alumni Association officer, inquired if anyone knew all the words.

Then Sheila Moyer came to our rescue, from way down in North Carolina, when she provided us with a huge chunk of the lyrics. The retrieval process continued last weekend, when Katie Hallman Campbell, recently retired English teacher, added several more lines. And now we have all the words, because Louise DeMucci came through this week with all the lyrics (see below). Thanks guys! So, when are we going to hear those aged lyrics sung?

Oh when the blue and gold men fall in line

We're gonna win this game another time

For DHS we yell we yell we yell

And for the team we love so well we yell we yell

And we will fight fight fight for every yard

Circle the end and hit that line right hard

And we will throw old (whoever) on the side

Rah rah rah

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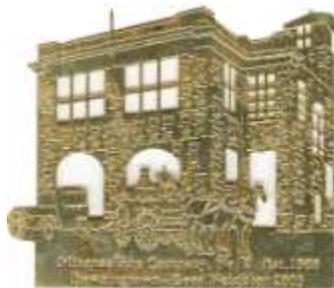
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#6 Jr-Sr High School



#7 Gazebo in Kerr Park

It's at the intersection of Dorlans Mill Road and Creek Road



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Free ads for Non-Profits

Holiday Fair

St Paul's United Church of Christ, at Worthington Road and Route 100 in Lionville, will host a Holiday Fair from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, November 22. There will be baskets for auction, a bake table, lunch, white elephant items, pictures with Santa and a make-it, take-it room for children, plus some vendors selling items they made. The hospitality table will feature hot cider and doughnut holes, along with a basket which will be raffled off at the end of the fair.

5K Road Race

The DHS West cross-country team will host the 13th annual Chester County Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving, November 27. There also will be a 1-mile walk (kids' race). The race also will benefit the Cure4Cancer Foundation. The race will begin at 8 AM at DHS West. For more info, access:

www.chestercountyturkeytrot.com

Downingtown Library Programs & Activities

The Film Forum is held at the library at 6:30 PM every second Tuesday of the month. Anyone who enjoys watching and discussing films is welcome to join. Incentives include occasional free movie passes and/or credit for movie rentals.

A Writer's Group meets at 6:30 PM on the third Thursday of every month. The open forum for adults who are willing to share their writing and participate in critiques.

A Book Club meets at 6:30 PM on every fourth Tuesday. The discussion at the Nov. 25 session will be on Wilkey Collins' *The Moonstone*.

Call the library at 610-269-2741 for more info on any of these programs.

Farmers Market

The Downingtown Farmers Market is now held in Kerr Park, by the gazebo area of Kerr Park on Pennsylvania Avenue in the borough, on Saturdays, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Brochure on DARC Classes & Activities

You can gain access to the latest DARC brochure, listing all classes and activities, at: www.darcinfo.com. For more info, call 610-269-9260, or stop by the DARC office (8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday), 114 Bell Tavern Road, Downingtown.

Banquet Room for Rent

The Downingtown (Williamson) Masonic Lodge, a non-profit organization located at 210 Manor Ave. has a Banquet Room for rent. The area is perfect for parties of up to 80 people and has a full kitchen. Rental fees are very reasonable. Call 610-269-3555 for more information.

Joseph's People, Downingtown Chapter

An ecumenical support mission to help un/underemployed people; run entirely by volunteers. We have been at St. Joseph's since 1995. Meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. All are welcome. Visit web page, www.josephspeople.org or just come to a meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Meeting Room behind the school, 460 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Call 610-873-7117. Leave Message. Leader: Cheryl Spaulding, Email: JPCheryl@verizon.net.