

People



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Anniversary reunion held

The Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1976 held its 10th anniversary reunion at The Barn on August 31. Shown here are those classmates who attended the affair: Ron Kinney, Mike Galka, Mike Wyffels, Dan Tuck, Dave Sorber, Tom Snell, Greg James, Peter Sharp, Marianne Dennis Mahle, Gina Major, Debbie Williams Dodson, Carol Lanning Shaver, Joan Sevanski Strub, Leo Pall, Diane Pall DeBarry, Cindy Sutton, Cindy Hughes Miller, Cindy Yascur Brin, Mary Elgaway Baird, Wesley Traver, Susanne Salansky, Laurie Dockeray Vercoe, Cheryl Hoover Summa, Jackie

Houser, Lorraine Litchman, Cindy Oncay, Christine Zbick, Rosemary Pall, Kelly Dobinick Lyons, Nick Brin, Dave Scott, Denise Goodwin Yanchik, Elizabeth Davis, Kathy Borton Rosnick, Wanda Sulliff, Gwen Salansky Keating, Sandy Barrall Davis, Diane Stolarick Stefanowicz, Mary Beth Duffy Tomko, Rhonda Schmig, Chris Yanchik, Paul DeBarry, Fred Mahle, Barry Aston, Mark Dragon, Scott Rave, Patrick Bilbow, Richard Hontz, Chuck Taylor, Craig Allen, Rob Steele, Joan Thomas, Bryan Updyke, Rick Stacey, Bill Sennick.

Back Mountain on the move

THE GRAND OPENING of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts is now part of Wilkes-Barre's history. August 18, 1938 was the grand opening of the Comerford, then thought to be the grandest movie house possible.

September 19, 1986, the re-grand opening, only now to be renamed "The Kirby." Forty eight years later the enthusiasm was even greater, that beautiful historical movie house **JEAN HILLARD** that provided its people with entertainment has once again opened, opened this time to be compared with Radio City Music Hall in New York City, rather than just a movie house.



We had the distinct honor of a personal tour of this grand building adorned with polished brass, and live flowers and plants that were breathtaking, on Saturday afternoon between performances. Our son, Ken, who is employed by Boscov's in the food management area has been in Wilkes-Barre, the past two weeks preparing for this grand event of opening night on Friday.

"It was all they planned for and more," were his proud words to us Saturday, the first time we've gotten to see him in the past two weeks. The "behind the scenes" part of every successful event is always very interesting to me and I do take every opportunity I can get

to see those "behind the scenes" worries as well as successes.

Thanks Ken for the time and tour, it was something we'll never forget. A stage that rises in five positions, a sound mixer that can be adjusted at every 3rd row of seats throughout the theatre, a baby grand piano on each level, no artificial flowers, the list goes on and on. "Sensational", says it all. Go for it Back Mountain residents, support it and enjoy it, it's all here right in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

NANCY KOZEMCHAK was one of the lucky Back Mountain residents who attended the opening night performance. Nancy, whom we all know from the Back Mountain Library, also celebrated her birthday that day and treated herself to the grandest gala event around on her special day. Black tie, dinner at Genetti's followed for Nancy. What a birthday to remember.

GINA MAJOR, 1985 Miss Pennsylvania and Back Mountain resident, also enjoyed the opening night. Gina is now employed at the Times leader as well as a Mary Kay rep and gives singing lessons in her spare time. There's an update on our Miss Pa. too!

THE GROSSMANS, Howard and Toby of Dallas, also attended opening night. Howard has been a part of this great adventure since the "thought" was there.

THE ERTLAYS, Ron and Carol of

Back Mountain were also involved and attended opening night.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD PEARSALL, Dallas, have been a part of the adventure since the dream first arose.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW SORDONI III, showed their interest in the great talents and performing arts and have been actively involved.

OUR BACK MOUNTAIN BANK PRESIDENTS, Harold Rose of Merchants North and Richard Laux of United Penn Bank also are part of this great event.

The list goes on and on with Back Mountain residents who will continue to keep "The Kirby" alive. Yes, it was Wilkes-Barre but it was also a large part Back Mountain.

MR. ROBERT CULP of Huntsville celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday with literally hundreds of friends stopping by the Jackson Fire Hall to wish him a happy day. Senator Charles Lemmond also stopped by and presented him with a citation from the Senate.

The Senator said a few words about yesterday's vintage. Mr. Culp is a part of that vintage and the Senator related that to his own father who is of the same era. A large sweater box filled with crumpled dollar bills was the first and only gift Mr. Culp unwrapped. Needless to say it was unique and it was a good place to begin and end.

Happy birthday Mr. Culp, you too are unique.

THERE ARE GOOD AND BAD THINGS HAPPENINGS at Liberty College in Virginia with two of our Back Mountain students. Gail Thomas, daughter of Dr. Evan and Carol Thomas, Shavertown, is having some problems with her leg. Gail has been a patient in a hospital there undergoing tests.

Being so far from home and not having family around when you're in pain is a traumatic experience. Let's all send Gail a card today. Send it to Gail Thomas, Box 21606, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia 24506. Even if you don't know her send her a card and sign your name and tell her you read about it in The Dallas Post. Together we can all cheer her up a little.

Gail's parents are waiting a phone call now to determine what procedures will follow. Send her a card and pray for her.

THE GOOD PART is Darci Davis, daughter of John and Sharron Davis of Shavertown, has been selected as one of Liberty's students to travel to Liberia in the spring with a singing mission group.

Darci tried out for this once in a lifetime experience and was selected along with four other students. Darci has an outstanding voice, a matching personality and is a teenager that we can all be proud of.

I'm told the group may be singing in our area before they leave for

Liberia. If so you'll be the first to know and come wish them well before they begin their journey.

WELCOME HOME to Mrs. Bertram of Chase who has been a patient in General Hospital for several days undergoing tests. Mrs. Bertram is doing well now and very glad to be home.

SNOW IN SEPTEMBER? That's right, Martin and Carol Lichtner of Hunlock Creek were vacationing in the New England States last week. They stayed in Maine a few days then went on to New Hampshire where it snowed, accumulating 1/2 inch and the Lichtners decided enough is enough. They came back home.

This family lived in Lehman prior to moving to Hunlock Creek a few months ago. They come to our area originally from Philadelphia.

A BACK MOUNTAIN WELCOME goes out to Mark and Martha Weber and their two children, a daughter who is in first grade and a son, three years old. The Webers have been on Sterling Avenue, Dallas, for three weeks now. They come to us from Bergen County, New Jersey. Be sure and welcome this family, especially if you're on their street.

IT WAS A GOING AWAY DINNER for Pat Rapotsky of Mer-

chants Bank, Shavertown, last Wednesday evening at the Castle Inn. Pat's colleagues at work honored her and wished her well as they enjoyed an evening with her before she and her family leaves the area for a new residence down South.

HAPPY 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Grayce and Al Hicks of Main St., Dallas. The couple celebrated their special day on Sept. 15. Beautiful flowers arrived at work for Grayce, it's so nice to still get flowers 35 years later. He must be special too Grayce!

A DATE TO REMEMBER: October 13, a Monday at Dallas Junior High School, Dr. Stephen Glenn will speak to young people and parents.

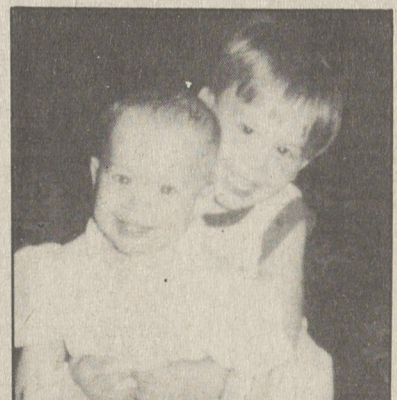
Dr. Glenn is a renowned consultant, trainer and psychologist, director of family development institute. He will present a talk on "How can we as parents develop capable young people?"

PAK is sponsoring this night for parents and kids. Please try to attend. Babysitting will be available and \$1 donation tickets can be gotten in advance at Fino's Pharmacy, Dallas, Cook's Pharmacy, Shavertown, or Cook's Store, Lehman or at the door.

(Jean Hillard, a Back Mountain correspondent, is a columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears weekly.)

Notes first birthday

Jennifer Lynn Malak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Malak of Chase will celebrate her first birthday on Thursday, Sept. 25. She has a brother, Raymond John who celebrated his second birthday in May. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Malak of Chase and Mr. John P. Reiss of Wilkes-Barre, and a great grandmother, Mrs. Anna Reiss of Wilkes-Barre.



Birthday girl

Jennifer Lynn Malak, who is celebrating her first birthday tomorrow, is shown here with her brother, Raymond John, who is two years old.

Marriage licenses

(The following Back Mountain residents have applied for marriage licenses at the Luzerne County Courthouse during the following week.)

JOHN SCHAKE, RD 1, Box 272C, Dallas, and **DOLORES LANUNZIATA**, RD 3, Box 224-3, Dallas.

ROBERT C. MCCLAUGHLIN, JR., 57 No. Main St., Shavertown, and **JAYNE BRADBURY**, 536 Charles St., Luzerne.

GLENN K. MILLER, 225 Washington St., West Pittston, and **LISA LUSHEFSKI**, 150 Manor Dr., Shavertown.

ROY H. STEVENS, RD 1, Box 271, Dallas, and **GAIL ANN HOFFMAN**, P.O. Box 228, Shawanese.

DENNIS N. DASKALAKES, Lewis Ave., RD 5, Bethlehem, and

KATHLEEN HEFFERAN, RD 1, Box 242, Harveys Lake.

DONALD SCAVONE, RD 1, Sweet Valley, and **GINI STEELE**, 85 Oak Dr., RD 4, Dallas.

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