

Maureen Connolly wins Mary from Dungloe contest in Ireland

Maureen Bridget Connolly won the Mary from Dungloe Contest recently in County Donegal, Ireland, July 31.

Miss Connolly 24, represented the Donegal Society of Greater Wilkes-Barre. She was crowned "Wilkes-Barre Mary" at the Donegal Ball held earlier this year.

She was chosen from 24 international contestants at the annual Dungloe Festival in County Donegal. Along with the international title she received a number of prizes including two Aer Lingus tickets to anywhere in the world.

Miss Connolly is a graduate of King's College, Wilkes-Barre and is employed by Ferrari Investments.

Her home is at Harveys Lake. She is a former Irish Step Dancer with the O'Donnell Dancers. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Connolly of Harveys Lake.

She recently won the female division of the Liberty to Liberty Triathlon which started at the Statue of Liberty in New York and ended at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Her athletic honors made her eligible to compete in the prestigious Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii.

Miss Connolly recently cycled 100 miles around Harveys Lake to raise funds to bring 2 children over from Northern Ireland.

Library news

Library to stage Oktoberfest

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The 42nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction was such a great success that general chairman, Dr. John Shaskas, has decided to chair the first ever, Back Mountain Memorial Library Oktoberfest in Dallas. This will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8 on the grounds behind the library on Huntsville Road. The activities will include a farmer's market; Mini-auction from 6:30 to 9; Book Store in the basement of the library; and possibly a flea market on Saturday. The refreshment stand will be open with a limited variety of food and maybe Rice's funnel cakes and Hillside ice cream on the grounds. Dr. Shaskas is planning to sell chances on a 50-50 drawing to be awarded on Saturday night. These plans were formulated at a post-auction meeting on July 26, at which time the committee also decided to have a kick-off Christmas dinner dance to begin the auction festivities for the 1989 43rd annual auction. The committee for this activity will be C & K (Connie and Kathy). A tentative date for the Christmas dance was set for Saturday, December 3.

The Dinosaur Days Summer Reading Program will finish on Wednesday, Aug. 17 with a party scheduled for 1:30 at the library. All children participating in the

Dinosaur game are invited to attend the party. The 3 to 5 year old story hours will conclude on August 10 and the Toddler Bedtime Story Hour will finish August 9.

A very pleasant musical interlude was enjoyed by the staff when Mary Herbert, one of the story hour ladies, invited her neighbors Michael Collins who plays a neat trumpet and Shannon Collins, playing a super flute to join with the children for sing-alongs and several solo numbers. What a great way for these young people to show their talent with our story hour children; who were entranced by it all.

An interesting occurrence during the auction on Saturday night. I happened to be walking by the ice cream truck carrying my granddaughter, Elizabeth when we walked right into Ernie Ashbridge, carrying his grandson, Ernie. It could be called a generation gap!

The library circulated 9,432 books during the month of July; 4,725 adult and 4,707 juvenile; this being the first July in three years when we did not go over 10,000 for the month. New borrowers totaled 130, books added 205, and Interlibrary loan transactions, 42. Book Club members checked out 253 books and there were 500 reference questions answered. July traditionally is our busiest month of the year and this year was no exception.



Ed Carey and Jerry Paxton of the Shavertown Fire Company take a turn on the block selling merchandise to raise funds for the fire company during the firemen's annual auction held last Saturday night on the Shavertown grounds. (Linda Shurmaitis Photo)

Where

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planted acres and acres of buckwheat. They planted it for a reason. The roots of buckwheat grew deep into the ground, most of which was hardpan, and loosened the ground making it easier to plow for planting other seeds and plants. The grain was also used for baking and other food. There was so much buckwheat planted in the saucer-shaped area surrounded by high trees that residents of the surrounding area tagged it 'Buckwheat Hollow'.

Root Hollow, why its name? We're told that is easy. The section is named Root Hollow for the surname of the families who settled in that section and their descendants have lived there for years since that time.

Snake Road is still in existence although it is not known by that name by many of today's residents. They know it as School Road, which runs from the former Beaumont School winding in and around just like a snake until it exits at

Lake Catalpa Road in Dallas Township.

The area once called South Run, ran from Sordoni's farm along a stream to Bowman's Creek where once stood a one-room schoolhouse to Evans Falls where there was another one-room schoolhouse. We are told the only reason it was called South Run was because it ran in a southerly direction.

Star Hill-no one could give us an explanation but we would like to hear when and where Star Hill is or was located. And how about Poverty Hollow? Why that name and where is it? We would like to know and we believe our readers would enjoy knowing. So, if any of our readers know the origin of an unusual name of a town, road, site or area, we would enjoy hearing about it and an explanation of how or why it received the name. Then we'll make it the subject of a future article.

Let us hear from you-we'd like to know.

Arts at Hayfield will feature ballet

The Ballet Theater of Scranton will present a ballet theater for children as part of the Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival IV, Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman. The Ballet Theater will present a ballet workshop for children and a ballet and tap performance beginning at 12:30 p.m. as part of a day-long schedule of activities for children that will include a Karate for Kids workshop, and a chance to meet the Nittany Lion and the television character Alf.

The Ballet Theater of Scranton, founded in 1958, is celebrating its 30th anniversary under the direction of Constance Reynolds, artistic director and resident choreographer. The Theater has presented such full length ballets as Sylvia, Coppelia, The Sleeping Beauty, Giselle, Swan Lake, Don Quixote and the Nutcracker.

More than 50 artists and crafters are expected to exhibit their work, with the craft show hours running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lehman may raise zoning fee schedule

By SARA J. LUNDBERG
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At their monthly meeting Monday the Lehman Township Supervisors announced plans for a special meeting August 26th, Friday at 7:00 to discuss zoning issues, development concerns and other matters. The meeting will be held at the Lehman Township Municipal building in Lehman Township.

The Supervisors also discussed following the lead of Jackson Township and hiking zoning fees. Jackson Township recently passed a motion to raise the hearing board fees to cover costs associated with a zoning board or planning commission hearing. Jackson Township also passed increases in the township's building permit fees.

"I think it might be a good idea to increase fees on a square footage basis, rather than on the estimated cost," said Supervisor Doug Ide.

Ide said that there are instances of people applying for a building permit based on an estimated worth which is actually far below the worth of the completed structure.

"Too many people apply for a permit to build a \$20,000 house and then end up building a \$200,000 house," said Ide.

It was decided to delay making a decision on bids for town trucks until all possible bids were reviewed. Only one bid was made on the pick-up truck, and an unsigned bid was included on a four wheel drive vehicle making that bid invalid for consideration.

The board approved the rezoning of Dr. John Burn's property on Huntsville Road from B-1 status to R-1. The decision to approve Burn's rezoning petition means he can build a single family home on the lot.

An unrelated item of discussion at the meeting concerned the plight of resident Eva Richards, Cease Terrace Road in Lake Silkworth. Ms. Richards owns a cottage built on solid rock and occupied year round by herself and several grandchildren. Sewage is running onto the grounds of the woman's property, and has been since 1983 when she first brought the problem to the attention of elected officials.

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