



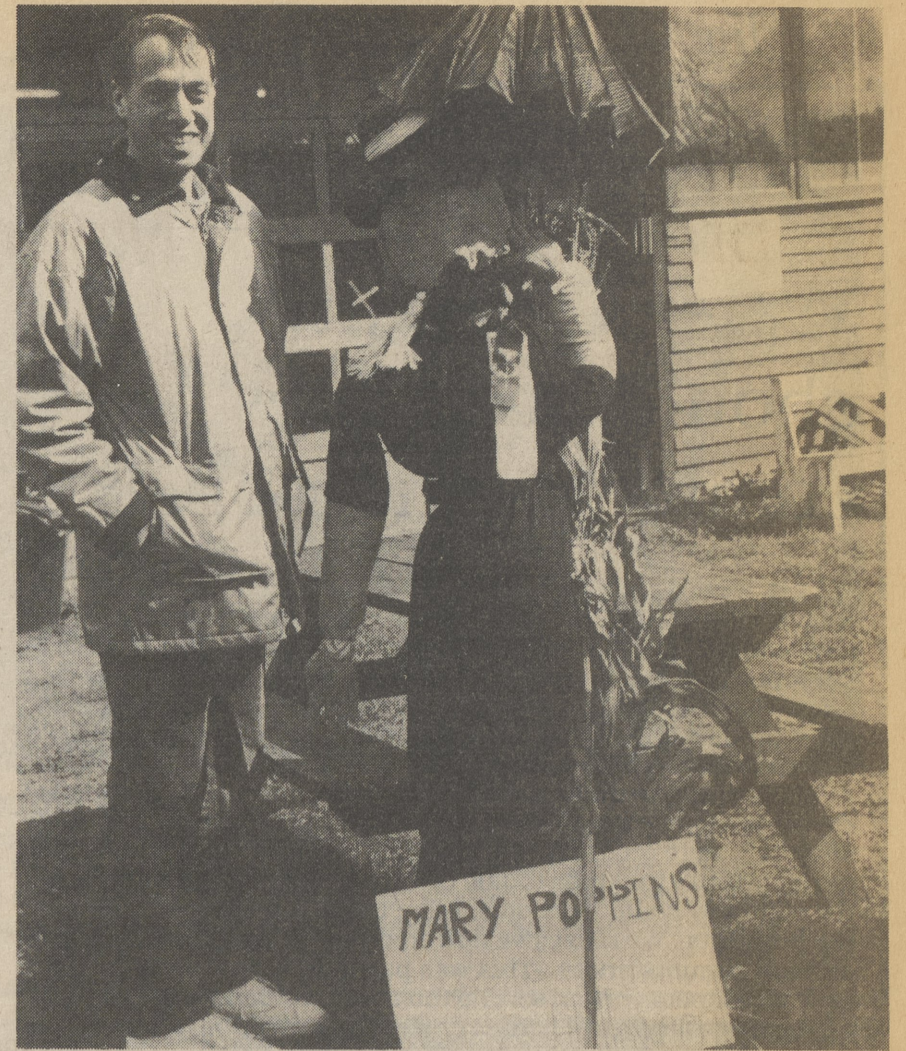
Octoberfest

Back Mountain Library auction chairman John Shaskas said Monday that despite the cold weather last weekend, the library's Octoberfest was a success. Shaskas said the committee grossed approximately \$3,000 from the sale of the antiques and new goods left over from the July auction but reports from the refreshment stand, baked goods stand and flea market were not final. Above, Margasret Bolinski makes a cookbook sale to a customer Saturday afternoon. The cookbooks include recipes submitted by women of Trinity United Presbyterian Church and sell for \$5.00 each. (C.M. Denmon)

Sewer

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not yet give the exact breakdown of the sewer project expenses due to several factors. The main factors involve the breakdown of debt payments and the exact number of homes which will end up on the sewer lines once the project is completed.
"A determination has to be made whether or not the 270 households now expected to be on the sewer project should give a large down payment at the time of hook-up to the lines, and exactly how the PENNVEST loan should be broken down. The additional number of homes which may be on the sewer lines due to development or other reasons has not yet been determined," said Chairman Kindler.
The authority members agreed that monthly meetings would be a good forum for public discussion of how the PENNVEST loan should be repayed.
Linde Enterprises was the lowest bidder for the state-mandated sewer project at \$3,014,171. The total bid reflects the costs of the project without the use of dynamite blasting in installation of sewer lines. Linde said that the project should start around December 1st and be completed in a year's time.
Some of the Jackson Township residents present at the meeting

expressed disbelief at the approximate \$350 annual project fee estimated by Chairman Kindler.
"It has to be more than that," said one resident.
Scott Linde, the vice president of Linde Enterprises, said the company is ready to start marking water and electric utility lines, and proceed with test drilling and marking manholes for the Meadowcrest, Chase Manor and Fieldcrest developments.
A resident of the Sunset Manor development said that residents of that development did not even know they were on the sewer lines until recently.
"How are we supposed to come up with X amount of dollars for a project we didn't even know we were included on?" said the resident, who said that the authority planned the project poorly.
Other residents present said that the sewer project would have a positive benefit on the area by increasing resident's property values and upgrading the quality of the water supply.
"The benefit of the sewer project is environmental, and clean water is an important issue. The board has done what it was charged to do by the state," said Chairman Kindler.



PRIZE-WINNING SCARECROW-Steve Schwartz, PhD. admires the Mary Poppins scarecrow, made by the students in Richard Derby's art class at Lake-Lehman. The entry took second prize in the adults group. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Police report

Dallas Borough

Theft of items from home
Anthony Ruggere of Parrish Street, Dallas, on October 4 reported the theft of items totaling \$665.95 from his home.
He stated that he noticed his door was unlocked but did not pay attention to it until about 9 p.m. A juvenile is charged in the burglary.

Motorcycle stolen

On October 7, theft of a motorcycle owned by David Randazza was reported to Dallas Borough Police.
Randazza reported the bike evidently was removed by hand from in front of the residence sometime between 10:30 p.m., Oct. 6 and 5 p.m., Oct. 7.
Investigating officer was James Martin.

Two car crash

A car driven by Jack Hiller, RD 2, Tunkhannock was traveling east on East Center Hill Road, Dallas, October 8 when it was struck in the side by a car driven by Frank Conius, Forty Fort, who was traveling north on Lake Street.
Both cars were towed from the scene.
Investigating officer was R.G. Jolley assisted by Dallas Township police.

Accident at intersection

Louise Whipp Frantz, Dallas was stopped in the middle of the intersection of Route 415 and Church Street when the traffic light turned green for Church and Main Street. She continued to turn left onto Church Street when her car was struck by a car driven by Samuel A. Perkins of Luzerne.
Chief of Police Jack Fowler was investigating officer.

Citizens

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support for our communities. What happens in Harrisburg will have an impact on the local communities.
"We need state assistance for long range plans, training of government officials, funding for parks and recreation, Main Street programs—all of these can be funded through proper sources. We need to drive the message home," Grossman stated, then listed agencies for the officials.
Dr. Ryan explained that training could be put together quickly and without cost through the university.
Dr. John Presper, president of Lake-Lehman School Board, said he has seen a tremendous number of dedicated, intelligent people building in the area and companies coming in will bring more growth by transplanting people.
"Growth needs to be controlled and most of this needs to be done by municipal officials," Presper said.
Susan Davis referred to Monroe County's housing growth, where there were 30,000 new homes and 90,000 permits on the boards. She said officials had planned ahead so they were able to preserve land.
Robert Emery, Lake-Lehman school director, said his concern was the tax situation. "We are looking at an antiquated taxing system. I'd like to see growth continue in a controlled situation but we have to get a fair assessment."
In answer to Ben Phillips comments concerning a meeting with Governor Casey where there were very few Back Mountain people attending, Ryan answered that he believed the Back Mountain group has to take care of its problems. He explained that Mountain top is forming a similar group and has requested permission to attend one of the Back Mountain meetings.
Lake-Lehman school district superintendent Charles Borchetta commended the council on the direction it is taking. "The officials don't need another structure to work through," Borchetta commented. He suggested a regional planning com-

mission to take over sidewalks, curbs, lands for future school buildings, and other needs.
Howard Grossman explained that under Pennsylvania Law Act 247, an area-wide regional planning group can be formed and create new tools to shape and manage growth.
"The planning code is like a Bible for a planning commission. It must study the amendment, if it passes, then study it again," Grossman explained.
Murray Miller, an architect who practices in New Jersey and Monroe County as well as this area, stated that in southern New Jersey there is a strong group of planning and zoning people, strong and dictatorial.
"A developer doesn't throw up a metal building or a piece of garbage. When you go to the planning board with a complete plan you go with a fee of as much as \$125,000 or more. A professional reviews the plan and makes changes or evaluations. An architect enjoys working there, it is a pleasure to go in. You know what you have," Murray explained.
"In Stroud Township, there has been an influx from New Jersey where they were buying houses for \$85,000 and those same houses are now \$140,000. The township has now hired a professional to review, critique and then approve. I believe this area can do the same thing. Every municipality can draw on its resources and officials won't have to waste time trying to make decisions. Don't stop development but do something about it," Miller said.
Jeffrey Fritzen, Lake-Lehman school board member, said he saw benefit in each of the communities having some similar or compatible building codes.
Miller and Grossman believe land planning and zoning should be compatible among the communities and that there should be a resource group to help municipal officials with complex issues.
Thomas Adams of Jackson Township said they have a problem with the court system taking their zoning

seriously and George Gwilliam of Harveys Lake said the borough is having the same problem dealing with illegal sub-division and larger lots, larger homes and a new tax structure.
Ed Price of Kingston Township told the officials that he feels water is the major problem in the Back Mountain. "We have only ground water in this area—no reservoirs, no dams. There is only so much water in the ground, when that's gone we're in trouble. That's the first problem for the Back Mountain Water Commission to address," Price stated.
In Franklin Township, officials said zoning is their biggest problem. "Getting persons to serve on the zoning board is a problem. We need experts and people willing to serve," said Solicitor Charles Gelso.
Supervisor Doug Ide of Lehman said they have the same problem. "It is difficult to get people at the local level, they are not professionals and local people cannot review plans knowledgeably. We need professional review and advice. Water is also a problem. We need some kind of a regional code on well construction," said Ide.
Charles Balavage of Lake Township said they have been using the

Luzerne County Planning Commission which has been doing a fine job for them if they go get them. He explained that the supervisors are now looking into township planning ordinances.
Miller said that in Lancaster County, the fastest growing county in the state, officials have hired a professional who reviews plans, which then go to the county; the architect or developer pays the fee, not the municipality. "I strongly suggest a professional planner for the Back Mountain municipalities," Miller said.
Ellie Rodda of Kingston Township commented "We should speak with one voice. All codes should be similar."
Will Conyngham recommended that there be one professional review board.
In summing up the concerns of the participants, water and zoning appeared to be major concerns. "We will continue to work with the residents and the officials and board directors. Growth is here to stay. We can have controlled growth or we can have growth that moves upward then falls due to no water, no garbage removal," Ryan concluded.
"We have to move now because it's going to happen."

The Barn at Lehman welcomes Halloween

The Barn at Lehman ushered in the Halloween Season October 8 and 9 with its 3rd Annual Scarecrow Contest.
The contest was held the same weekend that The Barn owners had their Fall Open House and Antiques and Collectibles Show and Sale. It was divided into four categories.
Prizes were awarded to adult groups, children's groups, adult individuals. There were no entries in the children individuals.
Prizes were awarded to the Gate of Heaven adult group for their entry, the "Scared-Crow", to "Cool Dude" submitted by a children's group of Amy Ostroski and Amber Shatrowski, to a children's group from Loyalville United Methodist Sunday School, Mary Poppins, students of Richard Derby's Lake-Lehman art class, the Women's Friendship Class of Lehman United Methodist Church and to a trio of burlap scarecrows submitted by adult individual Jean Borelli.
Judges of the scarecrows were Steve Schwartz, PhD., Beverly Schwartz, author, and Judith Dawe. Frances Sabaluski was chairperson of the contest.
An antique and collectibles show and sale were also held in conjunction with the contest. Hundreds of area residents attended the event during the event held Saturday and Sunday.
There was a variety of hand-thrown pottery submitted by

three local artists with each piece of the pottery slightly different due to its being hand-crafted.
A hand-thrown wedding jar proved to be among the most popular items at the sale.
A special interest was evidenced in hand-crafted cast iron doorstops and bookends by John Wright. The pieces were made from antique molds.
Many of the visitors at the show and sale purchased or ordered a new line of handwoven purses, place mats and also one of a kind custom-designed Teddy Bears each one named when made.
More than 22 antique and collectible dealers were on the premises during the October 8 weekend.

Swan arraigned on supplying liquor to minors

William Swan of Dallas was arraigned before District Magistrate Earl Gregory Tuesday, October 11, where he was found guilty of giving or selling alcohol to minors and corruption of minors.
Swan was released under \$2500 bail with a preliminary hearing set before Gregory Friday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m.
The Post regrets that despite repeated attempts, reports were not available from the Dallas Township and Kingston Township departments.

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