

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

More incentive might solve cafeteria puzzle

The Dallas school cafeteria has operated at a loss for another year, and everyone involved is hoping to find a way to reverse the trend.

The Dallas district's perennial losses contrast with some similar districts ability to operate at a profit, or at least break even. Several possible reasons for the loss have been given, including failure to sell enough Type A lunches (the only ones the state reimburses for), high labor costs, and not enough use of volunteer help.

It's not certain if any or all of these factors make it more difficult to fund the cafeteria in Dallas, though we suspect low sales of full lunches may be a cause. We do wonder, though, about the wisdom of allowing the food service vendor to pass along losses to the district.

It seems that a contract that required the company to accept the consequences of its own management might serve the district better. Under the pressure to perform better for its own good, the company might come up with some new ideas on how to serve nutritious food within the district's budget.

If this year brings in yet another loss, maybe the district can negotiate a contract that offers a real incentive for the vendor to perform well.

DER unit is welcome

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources had some good news for us this week. DER announced the formation of a 14-person emergency response unit that it says will speed its response to emergencies.

As we learn more about the danger from toxic substances that have been discarded, it's good to know that DER has moved to improve its ability to respond. The team, which covers nine counties in the department's Wilkes-Barre Region, will still be overwhelmed from time to time, as more than one emergency arises at the same time. Still, it's formation is a sign that DER recognizes the needs of our area.

We hope it's not required, but we are glad to know the special unit is there. If you think an environmental emergency needs instant response, call the Wilkes-Barre office of the DER at 826-2511 at any time of day or night.

Welcome back, Grotto

It's been a long wait, for pizza lovers and for Joe Paglianite, but Joe's Grotto has finally reopened. For now the Grotto will operate on a reduced - though very attractive - scale, as construction is still underway in the large main dining area.

No matter, Back Mountain residents and visitors to Harveys Lake will want to stop in, say hello, and sample some of the food they've been missing since last fall.

Congratulations to our baseball and softball teams

They haven't all made it to the finals, but the Back Mountain baseball and softball teams played hard and won some games before bowing out in their respective playoffs.

Still in the thick of things are the Back Mountain Little League American All-Stars and Legion teams. We wish them the best of success in their remaining games, and congratulate all the teams for their outstanding play during this season.



Coloring the summer scene

Joyous orange (and in some Dallas yards, we've noticed yellow) day lilies herald the height of this summer season. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - July 21, 1939 HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF TIMBER BURN HERE

A chain of woods fires west of Evans Falls just off the Dallas-Tunkhannock Highway defied fire fighters this week and destroyed hundreds of acres of timber.

The new \$220,000 concrete link along Bowman's Creek which connects Dallas and Tunkhannock will be completed by mid-October according to estimates made this week by Banks Construction Company.

The Rev. John J. O'Leary, pastor emeritus of St. Therese's Church, was honored by hundreds last Sunday on his Silver Jubilee.

Dallas Arrows moved into third place last Sunday by defeating Beaumont 21-3.

Engaged - Eudora Gay and Malcolm G. Baird.

40 Years Ago - July 22, 1949 TWO-DAY LIBRARY AUCTION NETS \$5,000

Two-day auction raises about \$5,000 for the Back Mountain Library Auction.

Eugene W. Sick of Wilkes-Barre purchased the Dallas 5cents, 10

cents to \$1 Store from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paul. The Dallas Store was established 19 years ago by the late John Williams and his wife, Mrs. Paul.

Wed - Phyllis Mary Williammee and Glen O. Farr; Laura J. Perrin and Burton Owen; Alice Purdy and Willard G. Hutchins.

Harveys Lake Alderson Methodist Church Women will hold their ninth annual amateur flower show at Lake Township school, the afternoon and evening of August 25.

30 Years Ago - July 23, 1959 LEGION AWARDED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Back Mountain Library Auction netted approximately \$12,000 this year, one of the most successful held this far.

John Youngblood of Shavertown is named head football coach at Washington Lee High School, Arlington, Va.

Michael Skodic and Harry Edwards caught two Northern Pike 42 1/2 inches long and weighing 20 pounds each while fishing 20 miles north of Ottawa, Canada.

Daddow Isaacs American Legion was awarded the Community Serv-

ice Award, the highest in Pennsylvania at the State Convention Saturday in Pittsburgh.

Engaged - Patricia Eyet and Arthur C. Coolbaugh Jr.

Wed - Mary Sickler Emmanuel and David William Baker; Irene Maransky and Robert Lamoreaux.

20 Years Ago - July 24, 1969 AREA THRILLED BY 1ST MAN LANDING ON MOON

Dallas residents find the moon landing the most exciting happening in their lives.

Dallas Borough Council authorized the bids for the first stage of the playground program.

The annual Idetown Firemen's Horse Show begins Friday, July 27 and will run through July 29.

Mrs. Herman Otto was named president of the Dallas Women of Rotary.

Wed - Kathleen Jo Dymond and Carl A. Altemus; Coritha R. Downs and Harold R. Spencer; Linda Ruth Serfoss and David D. Davis.

The State Game Commission announced that the bear season will be only two days this year due to the shortage of bruins in the central part of the state.

10 Years Ago - July 19, 1979 PLANNERS DENY \$1.2 MILLION ZONE REQUEST

Dallas and Franklin Township planners band together and deny zoning on \$1.2 million development.

Leonard "Wes" Venable, manager of the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company says that since January, 1975, the Shavertown Water Company spent about \$88,000 in capital improvements in the Shavertown area.

Harveys Lake Republican Organization endorses Joseph "Red" Jones and Frank Trinisewski as candidates for the offices of county commissioners.

Wed - Jane Marstell and Franklin Harvey. Irem Chanters to perform at Irem Temple Country Club July 22, 8 p.m.

Dr. Bruce Goeringer to practice dental medicine in Back Mountain. Frank G. Williams to act as chairman of Centermoreland 24th annual auction and barbecue.

Back Mountain Hawks clinch playoff spot in the Tri-county League.

Letters

Fire company seeks donations

Editor: The Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company is holding their annual Auction and Bazaar on August 4 and 5, 1989.

We the VOLUNTEERS would appreciate any contributions (items, gift certificates, etc.) that could be auctioned off or any donations that could be given to help defray the cost of running this VOLUNTEER organization.

Co-Chairman Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company.

P.S. Please mail donations or gift certificates to the above address. If any articles are to be picked up, call 675-3056 or 696-3308 after 2 p.m.

Thanks Post for auction coverage

Editor: Thank you for the very good coverage and picture in your paper of our auction. It helped to make it a big success.

Henry Bergstrasser President

Letters invited

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Library news

Library says thanks to John Shaskas

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

I would like to offer a super 'round of applause' to Dr. John Shaskas, the general chairman of our 43rd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. In spite of the rainout on Friday night, the gross amount realized from the auction should come close to \$72,000.

Of this amount, after all expenses and bills are paid, the library should come close to \$35,000 net profit; which is exactly what the auction was budgeted for.

John has been chairman for three out of the last four years and has done a terrific job each time. Only one person has been chairman for four years and that man was Howard Risley, who served in 1947, 48, 49 and 55. I wonder if John would like to top this record or at least tie it. How about it, John, one more time?

This auction is still one of the most exciting and admirable events that I have ever been involved in. After 43 years, it has become an exciting part of the summer in the Back Mountain, and something to look forward to after the 4th of July holiday.

Mrs. Gertrude Moss, our former Ham 'n Yegg Chairman, was at the auction one evening, as I saw her picture in the paper. Unfortunately, I did not get to see and talk with her. Working with her the last few years on her pet project, I became quite involved with her book work and her lists of names. She is a remarkable woman and we are indebted to her for her dedicated effort to our cause.

As we clear the grounds, put the equipment away, and try to get the records in order, we look forward to 1990 and the 44th annual auction.

Have you been asked to give a speech or testimonial at a club, or participate in a memorial service? Perhaps you have been called upon to make a toast at a wedding, anniversary, shower, or party? The library has books that can take the "stage-fright" out of such an occasion on the 808.5 shelves. You can browse through that section and gain that extra dose of confidence for the special event.

New books at the library: "Garden of Lies" by Eileen Goudge is the unforgettable story of an act that takes but moments to accomplish but changes destinies forever. It tells of the lives irrevocably altered by that single, reckless decision. It is a mesmerizing debut.

"Stranger in Savannah" by Eugenia Price is the continuing saga of the Browning, Mackay, and Stiles families, plunging them into the Civil War with a memorable novel. The story is exhaustively researched, meticulously detailed and brought to life with storytelling artistry.

This week's road repair schedule

Matthew R. Collura, Luzerne County Maintenance Manager, has announced the following work schedule for Department forces for the week of July 17:

BRUSH CUTTING - SR 4011 in Huntington Twp.; SR 4003 in Hunlock Twp.

DRAINAGE REPAIR - TR 415 in Harveys Lake Borough.

MOWING - Various routes in Lake and Lehman Twp.

POTHOLD PATCHING - TR 415 in Harveys Lake Borough; Country Club Road in Dallas Twp.

The Post asks: Do you think assault rifles should be banned in the U.S.?



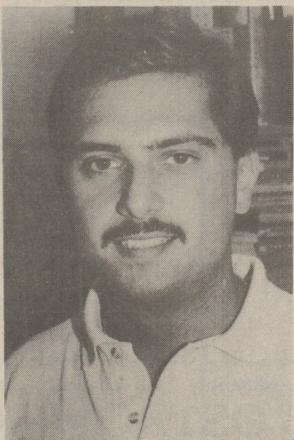
Paul Feeney
Shavertown

"No. They should be sold by licensed dealers only. They should have an extensive background check if they are going to sell them."



Lorri Sutton
Trucksville

"Yes, because they could get into the wrong hands."



Frank Lombardo
Dallas

"Yes, I do not feel as though you need that power to protect an average home."



Maggie Davis
Dallas

"Yes. There are not enough people around capable of using one properly."



Tammy Nafus
Trucksville

"Yes. They are too powerful to have in the community."