

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Shavertown Fire Co. auction this weekend

The Shavertown Fire Company's annual auction takes place this Friday and Saturday at the fire hall grounds on Main Street.

Aside from being an enjoyable social occasion for residents, this event and others like it are essential to the operation of local emergency organizations. While all of us depend on these groups for fire and ambulance service, few actually participate in providing it.

By attending these fundraising events, each of us can contribute at least our money to support the caregivers. Proceeds from the Shavertown auction are used for maintenance of fire trucks, equipment and the fire hall.

The auction starts at 6:30 each night. There will be plenty of bargains and lots of fun and good food, and the kids will enjoy looking over the fire trucks that will be stationed nearby.

### Stop sign is one small step for road safety

One small step toward safer roads in the Back Mountain was taken recently in Dallas Borough with the installation of a stop sign on Main Street, at its intersection with Pioneer Avenue.

This has been a troublesome spot for many years, as drivers approaching Pioneer have found it difficult to see cars coming north. Conversely, motorists on Pioneer have had to watch for cars entering from Main Street, which often did so without stopping to look adequately.

If the experience with converting Mill Street to one-way is any example, it may be some time before motorists adjust to the sign change. But we hope they do, and that the danger from cars entering too fast onto Pioneer will be eliminated.

### Good samaritans are a good example

While newspapers often are taken to task for printing only "bad" news, this week's story about Harry and Dawn Traver of Noxen, who found and returned about \$2000 that had fallen from a businessman's car is a real change of pace.

By their example, perhaps the Travers have shown others, especially young people, that honesty is an alternative in a world that is often bereft of such values. Will they miss not having some extra spending money? Probably. But they will also have the knowledge that they did what was right by a higher standard than their own comfort and desires.

That's a message we don't hear often enough.

#### Letters invited

The Dallas Post encourages readers to share their opinions with the community by writing a letter to the editor. All letters for publication must be signed and include a telephone number so that we may verify authenticity. We will not publish anonymous letters. Send letters to: The Dallas Post, P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612. Letters received by Noon on Monday may be included in that week's issue.

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Pond on Lower Demunds Road

(Photo by Charlotte Bartzick)

### Letters

#### Library thanks Post for coverage

Editor:  
On behalf of the library staff and board members, I want to thank you for the excellent coverage and cooperation you gave to the 1st horse show and the 43rd annual library auction.

I am sure this coverage, which made the community aware of our activities, helped to make the horse show and the library auction so successful.

Once again, thanks for your cooperation.

Nancy S. Kozemchak  
Publicity Chairman

#### Says more abortion restrictions lead to fewer pregnancies

Editor:  
Molly Yard and her NOW persons want us to believe that our population will explode if restrictions are put on abortions. Experience has proven the opposite. When Ohio and Georgia stopped funding abortions, not only did abortions decrease, but pregnancy decreased by 15% and 4% respectively. ("Cutoff of Abortion Funds Doesn't Deliver Welfare Babies", The Wall Street Journal, Jacqueline R. Kasun, Tuesday, December 30, 1986)

When Minnesota passed its parental notification law, teen pregnancy decreased 30% over the three subsequent years while the law remained in effect. (Minnesota Department of Health statistics 1980-1984) Rhode Island saw similar results from its law, with teen pregnancy decreasing 32%.

When abortion becomes less than the easiest way out, women do manage to gain some control over their own bodies rather than over the bodies of their children.

Joan E. Host  
Tunkhannock

#### Report from Harrisburg

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill recently from Rep. Scott Diatterick, 120th Legislative District.

**BUDGET CUT ATTACKED** - Rep. Richard A. Geist (R-Blair) this week lashed out at the Casey administration for a \$6.1 billion funding to the Ben Franklin Partnership Program in the state's 1989-90 budget. The program provides funds to businesses and research centers to stimulate growth in the state's private sector economy. Geist, a member of the partnership board, said the cuts are "not the right message" to be sending to the Pennsylvania business community.

He noted that the state's overall budget increased this year by almost \$1 billion. The Ben Franklin Partnership Program received \$25.4 million in the current budget.

**MALPRACTICE INSURANCE BATTLE** - Legislation aimed at decreasing malpractice insurance rates for doctors in Pennsylvania by limiting the manner in which patients can sue was the subject of debate before the House Judiciary Committee this week. Introduced by Rep. J. Scot Chadwick (R-Bradford), the bill would limit the time frame for patients to file lawsuits against physicians and would discourage frivolous lawsuits by limiting the amounts a jury could award to a plaintiff.

### Only yesterday

#### 50 Years Ago - Aug. 4, 1939 STEVE WOZNIAK WINS AAU SWIMMING CROWN

Another step in the modernization of schools in the area nears completion as the new \$108,000 Lehman Township High School enters final stages.

Steve Wozniak of Buffalo won the National AAU swimming crown for the third consecutive year by finishing first in the swim at Harveys Lake.

Fire destroys the huge silo adjoining the famed all-glass barn on former Senator Sordoni's estate at Alderson.

Engaged - Bernice Kelly and Lloyd Ellsworth.

Wed - Elizabeth Newman and Arthur Kiefer.

Dallas Arrows gain bi-county championship finals.

#### 40 Years Ago - Aug. 5, 1949 DALLAS PLAYGROUND SET TO OPEN MONDAY

Dallas playground will open Monday afternoon with Patricia Ferry in charge.

Temporary measures by Shavertown Water Company fail to relieve the water shortage in Shavertown.

Kingston Township votes to abolish the position of supervising principal held by Prof. James Martin.

Harding upsets Noxen 7-6 to hand them their first defeat.

John Connolly Construction Company was awarded the contract to build a diningroom, shower rooms and stairs at the Township School.

#### 30 Years Ago - Aug. 6, 1959 BACK MT. MP'S LEARN TO HANDLE PRISONERS

Back Mountain MP's are learning how to handle prisoners at Indiantown Gap.

Robert Richardson, advance course ROTC Cadet at Dickinson College is currently attending the 1959 ROTC Summer Camp at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Albert Davis, son of Jonathan R. Davis, is to give fire truck to the

Idetown Fire Company.

Dallas Kiwanis Key Club to perform at Dushore Sunday.

Thirteenth Annual Lehman Flower Show at Fire Hall, Aug. 22.

Engaged - Mary Lou Elston and Charles Crook; Jane Ann Smith and Charles C. James; Mary Ruth Shoop and Jay Long.

Amy Peterson is home again after teaching Army children overseas for two years.

#### 20 Years Ago - Aug. 7, 1969 DALLAS-LUZERNE HWY. TAGGED DANGER STRIP

Dallas-Luzerne Highway is called danger strip by residents due to the many accidents.

Area-wide study to determine the feasibility of forming a combined Back Mountain police force will be released next week, according to Dr. Hugo Mailey, Institute director.

Engaged - Jennie Marie Radonavitch and Donald Robert Rice.

Wed - Beverly Jean Sowden and Richard W. Ratcliffe.

New Dallas Junior High School is due to open on time for classes on opening day.

Lake-Lehman football mothers plan two events for August, a dance and a picnic for all players and their families.

#### 10 Years Ago - Aug. 2, 1979 MEDIC UNIT BRINGS 1ST PARAMEDICS TO AREA

Local Mobile Intensive Care Unit begins trial operation staffed by six initially trained paramedics.

Bids for the new Lake School are \$680,000 under the prior estimates of \$3,480,000.

County Fall Fair set for September 5 through 8.

Harveys Lake is being considered for \$400,000 federal grant for improvement of the community.

Dallas Township Class of 1934 holds its first reunion at Irem Temple Country Club.

Back Mountain Hawks bow 12-8 to Twin Cities.

Handicapped riding school seeks help.

Back Mt. National Little League All Stars win the District 16 Little League championship.

### Library news

#### 'Munchkins' object of display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

We have a lovely group of munchkins! These are in our display case at the library and have been borrowed from Jessica, Katie and Rebecca Finch of Harveys Lake. The girls have been collecting these "cartoon miniatures" for five years, with Jessica beginning the effort when she bought the muppets for herself. The sisters became interested and now each of the girls has her own collection of favorites and they have pulled their resources for our display. Jessica is 10 1/2 years old and will be in 5th grade at Lake Noxen Elementary in the fall; Katie is 9 and going into 4th at Lake Noxen; and Rebecca is preschool at 4 years of age. There are 55 miniatures in the display including, a bear family, Best of Friends; 3 food changers; 2 McNuggets, 2 ET's; one Oliver; 4 members of the Smurf family; 2 Bambi's and friend; a care bear; 6 Disney characters; 2 Muppet babies on skate boards; Oscar in his garbage can and the cookie monster with his banjo from Sesame Street; 2 potato head kids; a playground full of Weebils including sliding board and see saw; Strawberry Shortcake and her many friends; 2 glo worms; and a family of My Little Pony. This display is just the ticket for the last month of summer and will appeal to all of our children. The display will be at the library until August 30. Come in and visit with your favorite munchkins!

From toddlers to teens, the message should be loud and clear; reading is an essential summer activity. If the children are too young to read themselves, read to them. Some summer ideas to remember are; books can go to the beach; chips, soda and a variety of snacks go well with books; books can introduce you to a world of possibilities and there are just so many great things to read about. Along with required summer reading for students, there are many fun books to read for casual reading enjoyment.

We have placed on exhibit in a special place in the library the blue ribbon and silver bowl trophy from the library's first ever horse show held June 25, 1989, and a brass school bell given to the library by Mrs. Gertrude Moss, our former auction Ham 'n Yegg chairman.

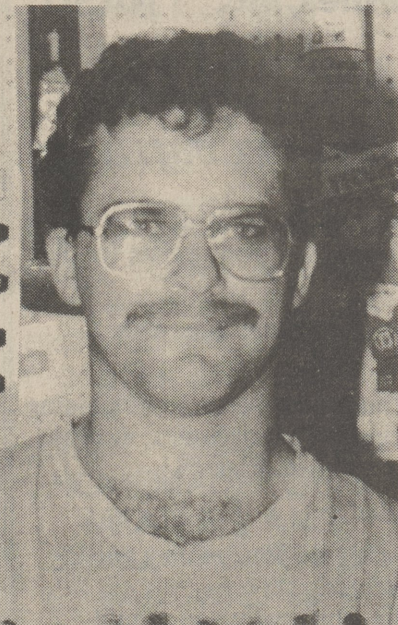
### The Post asks: "Should there be more traffic lights on the Luzerne-Dallas Highway?"



Fran Ochman  
Shavertown  
Business Owner



Beverly Hall,  
Evans Falls  
Homemaker



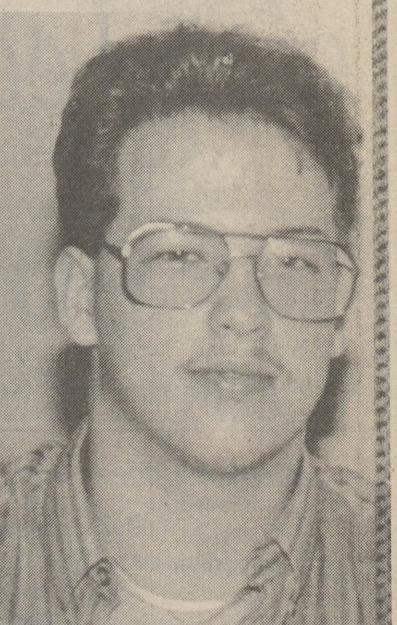
Dan Major  
Lehman  
Machinery employee



Tracy Hunter  
Dallas  
Student



Gus Walters  
Dallas  
Businessman



Tony Berger  
Dallas  
Skating Pro

"Yes, there should be one on Route 309 and Franklin Street and another one on the highway by Offset Paperback."

"There should be a light on the highway in the area of the Offset Paperback. There are so many accidents there."

"I believe there should be a light at the intersection of the highway with Picketts Charge to cut down the speed of motorists."

"There should be a light on the highway near Hess's station. That's a dangerous spot."

"There should be several more lights on the highway to slow down traffic and especially one at the intersection with Mark II."

"There should be one considered on the highway where the exit will be for the new Payne Printery Building."