

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Inconvenience offset by Triathlon's value

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon takes place this Sunday, giving area residents the chance to participate or watch, whichever is their preference.

The event offers a treat for fans, as many of the top competitors in the world will be entered. And the race committee has provided many opportunities for would-be triathletes, adding a team competition this year, so those of limited endurance or ability can enjoy the fun.

The triathlon also means some inconvenience for residents, as some streets are closed for a few hours, and runners and bikers dot the roadsides. We hope drivers will put up with the disruption with good humor, and be extra careful around the racers, who may be tired and distracted from the competition.

The triathlon is a chance to show off our area to many visitors from around the nation. The race and the region have always impressed the participants and their families, and this year's event should continue that tradition.

Football season will bring excitement

It's that time of year again! The high school football season is upon us, and the excitement is beginning.

Charlot Denmon's articles in the special football preview section in this week's issue of The Post profile the teams and players of Dallas and Lake-Lehman. It sounds like this could be an thrilling year.

In the last two years, Dallas has shown its ability to confound the prognosticators and has won their league's title. The challenge may be even greater this year, with the loss of 18 seniors, but coach Ted Jackson thinks his young team may still have a shot at the championship.

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights are coming off an excellent 7-2-1 season, though they were disappointed in not winning the league title last season. With six starters returning, the Knights may get another chance at the top spot.

Whatever their ultimate fortunes, we wish all the players well. Their hard work and dedication to the sport will serve them in other aspects of their lives, and the season is sure to offer exciting moments for everyone.

Guest columns welcome

An article submitted by Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol appears on page 5 of this week's Dallas Post, and it is a welcome addition to our pages.

While it has been said - and is ultimately true - that freedom of the press belongs to the person who owns one, we believe that one of our functions is to provide a forum for viewpoints from throughout the community.

Paul Sabol's column presents his thoughts about an important issue as only he himself could. If you have an opinion, idea or point of view to share, please bring it to our attention. We will work with you to get your submission in print.

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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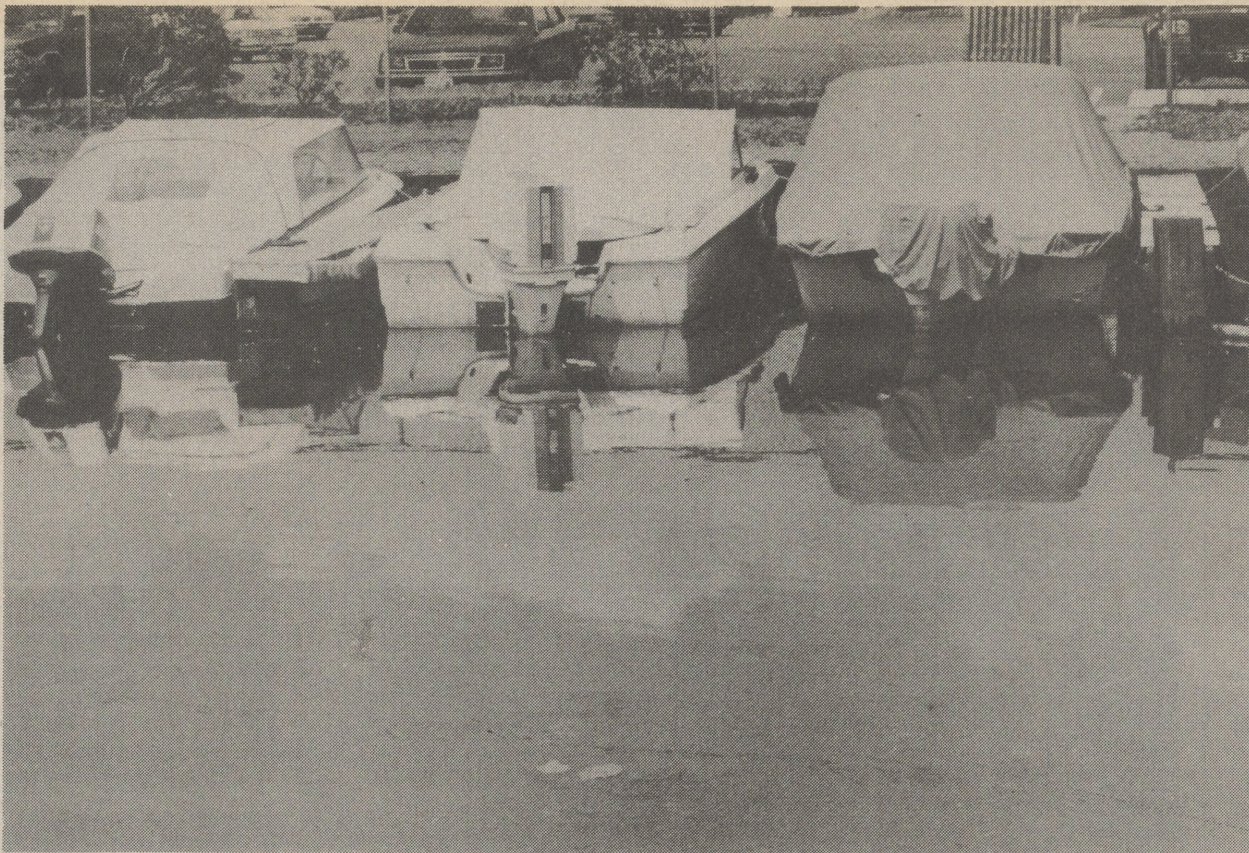
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Dockside, Harveys Lake

This weekend will be one of the last for summer boating fun. Boats are seen from Sunset Beach Marina. (Photo by C. Bartzek)

Library news

Library offers many ways to honor others

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has a rather unique memorial and commemorative gift program. There is no better way to honor a cherished memory or celebrate a special event in someone's life than to give a gift in their name to the library.

A gift to the library keeps on giving and brings enjoyment and the benefits of your thoughtfulness to the people of the community for years to come.

Monetary contributions can be spent any way you would wish, for special books, records or a magazine subscription. There are also many other books the library needs which can be purchased with memory money. These memorial books are marked with a special bookplate, which remains in the book.

Donations may also be made to honor a relative or friend. Acknowledgements of gifts are sent

to the donors, and a note is sent to the person, family or organization being honored.

There is a special folder at the library which may be filled out with the specifics for a memorial or honorary gift. In 1988, a total of \$3,153.00 was donated to the library as memorials; and for the first six months of 1989, \$2,855.00 has been donated.

This donated money to be spent for books, in addition to the regular budgeted amount allotted for books each year, enables the library to add many new and useful books to the collection. Information about the memorial and commemorative gift program is available at the library.

The library circulated 9,619 books during the month of July; 4,775 adult and 4,844 juvenile titles. Reference questions totaled 481; books added to the inventory, 235; re-registrations, 223; and new borrowers were adult, 72 and juvenile 54. Interlibrary loan transactions 45 and books withdrawn, 324.

New books at the library: "Alice in La-La Land" by Robert Campbell is a mystery novel featuring Whistler—a down-on-his-luck private investigator and optimistic philosopher—when Nell Twelvetrees walks into his life looking for a bodyguard.

Beautiful, blond, rich, and classy, Nell is a mystery that keeps unfolding, luring Whistler deeper and deeper into love and into trouble. Nothing in La-La Land is what it seems, behind the facades of the rich.

"Blessings" by Belva Plain is a deeply moving story of the beautiful and gutsy lawyer Jennie Rakowsky.

On the brink of marrying the man of her dreams, the handsome successful corporate lawyer, Jay Wolfe, and of trying the most important case of her career, she finds that a shattering secret, rooted deep in her past and in her heritage, threatens to destroy her world. This is a spellbinding tale of family and love.

Tax/rent rebate checks sent, program goes on

Checks totaling more than \$100 million have been mailed to citizens across the state through the Commonwealth's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, according to Sen. Charles Lemmond (R-20).

However, due to the tremendous volume of claims received by the Department of Revenue, Sen. Lemmond encourages his constituents to wait at least two weeks for their checks to arrive. He added that individuals who mailed their claims after June 15, 1989 should receive their checks three to four weeks after the Department received them.

In addition, Lemmond said the deadline to apply for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 1988 has been extended to Dec. 31, 1989.

All persons 65 years of age or older, permanently disabled persons 18 years of age or older, and widows and widowers 50 years of age or older are eligible if their annual income is less than \$15,000. Those individuals who qualify will receive rebates of up to \$500 and a companion Inflation Dividend (automatically issued in December) of up to \$125.

The rebate program, funded by proceeds from the lottery fund, is designed to help senior citizens and others on limited incomes meet rising property tax and rental costs.

Applications and instruction booklets for the rebate program are available at district revenue offices, state liquor stores and senior citizens centers.

The status of rebate applications can be obtained by calling the Department of Revenue's toll-free hotline: 1-800-SR-CLAIM, which is available 24 hours a day.

Lemmond said more than 475,000 people are expected to apply for rebates this year. Since the program began in 1972, more than \$1.4 billion in benefits have been paid to Pennsylvanians. The Inflation Dividend program, which began in 1979, has provided an additional \$368 million in benefits.

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago - Sept. 1, 1939 100 MILE PIGEON RACE TO END IN DALLAS

The re-paving of Route 115 began Monday as workmen for B.G. Coon Construction Company of Luzerne, general contractors broke surface of Bennett Street.

A special 100-mile pigeon race from Harrisburg to Dallas will be sponsored this Sunday by the Dallas Dairy Club.

Eleven hundred minks are grown for fur on Ralph Balut's Hays Corners farm.

The lack of public apathy toward the volunteer Dallas Fire Company is creating low morale.

Wed - Florence Weintz and James F. Davenport; Myrtle London and Lee Philco.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 2, 1949 BOARDS SEE NEW SCHOOL SKETCHES

Lacy, Atherton and Wilson presented preliminary sketches of the new addition to Lehman School at a joint meeting of Lehman and Jackson School Boards Monday night. The addition will house six classrooms, a gym-auditorium and a home economics room.

The Ruggles Pioneer Band, under the direction of John Milus will give a concert Thursday at 8:15 p.m., in the Lake Township High School auditorium.

Wed - Ruth Louise Yeust and Roy Commons; Charlotte Jane Jones and Robert Oley; Betty Eldredge Ford and Armand Lapane.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 3, 1959 HIGH SCHOOL SHOWS ENROLLMENT GAIN

Dallas School Board asks for bids on coal, oil, gas and electric heat for the new high school.

Enrollment of students is up in the Dallas High School but down in the elementary units.

The space in front of the Library Auction Barn was filled with kids on bikes Monday as they came to get safety stickers, reflector type that made bikes visible to the motorists at night.

Engaged - Maureen Herts and Airman 2/C Paul C. Heslop.

Wed - Betty June Womer and Richard Patton; Jane Ann Smith and Charles James Jr.; Eleanor Ann Lacomis and Ralph S. Ell; Janice Lamb and Dr. John Reese Beyrent, Jr.

Vacation season came to a close during this week as bowling leagues began their 1959-1960 seasons at Crown Imperial Lanes.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 4, 1969 DALLAS SCHOOL OPENING DELAYED

Dallas Schools opening has been delayed to September 8 due to the delay in delivery of school furniture and the construction not progressing on schedule on the junior high school.

A police study toward the implementation of a merged police department has been called for by Dr. Hugo V. Mahley of the Institute of Regional Affairs is awaiting action from Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township to adopt a resolution to enter into discussion.

A fun-packed Fall Fair sponsored by the Back Mountain Service Clubs has been set for September 13 and 14 at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

College Misericordia plans its 12th annual homecoming October 3, 4, and 5.

Wed - Carol Sicker and Dale Chisenhall.

Dallas Senior High District II track champions were awarded blue and white wool jackets recently by the Dallas Area Letterman-Booster Club.

10 Years Ago - Sept. 6, 1979 DALLAS SHUTS OUT O'REILLY 6-0

The Luzerne County Fall Fair began Wednesday and will run through Sunday of this week at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds, Route 118, Lehman.

Emanuel bus lines to get \$1870 per day for transportation of Dallas elementary and secondary students.

Harveys Lake zoners to vote September 27 on apartment variance requested by Melvin and Jacqueline Myers.

College Misericordia welcomes 255 freshmen in the class of 1983.

Engaged - Jill Lyons and Robert J. Cara.

A strong defense plus Norman Bordley's 16-yard touchdown run was enough to give Dallas Mountaineers a 6-0 win over Bishop O'Reilly.

The Post asks: "Do you practice an art or a craft?"



Helen Wojnar
Harveys Lake

"Quilting, I think though I've tried them all."



Paul Visoky
Falls

"I've been in the construction business for years. I guess you could say I build houses."



Rita Rushnach
Dallas

"Some cross-stitching."



Beth Turner
Shavertown

"Yes, stenciling and some grapevine wreaths, macrame."



Drs. Irvin & Phyllis Berger
Dallas

(She) "Knitting." (He) "Jogging?"