

Library news

Carol King to organize memorial gift program

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is happy to announce the willingness of a new Friend of the Library member to organize the library's memorial gift program. Carol King, of Dallas, has begun to file the memorial donations in a systematic program, whereby the library can keep permanent records on those important donations to the library. This is rather time-consuming at the moment, but once she has the program set up, it should be a unique arrangement and a convenient way of keeping records for the memorial donations. Thank you, Carol, for being so generous with your time and organizing this procedure.

The library is very happy to be able to offer the public the use of wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and other items for invalids, thanks to the generosity of the Dallas Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. These items are kept in the basement of the library in a separate room and are able to be borrowed by the public when the need arrives. There are forms at the front desk to be filled out and then the items may be borrowed for as long as the person needs them. This is one special way the community organizations and the library are working together on a most worthwhile project to help the people in our communities in time of need.

New books at the library: "Straight" by Dick Francis is the author's 28th novel and he proves

once again that he has no equal. As Derek Franklin, an injured steeplechase jockey, nears the end of his career, he is thrust into trouble and mayhem by the accidental death of his older brother, Greville. "I inherited my brother's desk, his business, his gadgets, his enemies, his horses and his mistress," Derek says. I inherited by brother's life, and it nearly killed me." With danger besetting him from unknown directions, Derek discovers that honesty can be a deadly virtue and courage the provocation of escalating evil.

"Close Friends" by Peter Jenkins is a story about the author's special intimacy with animals, and the people who cherish them. From the time he was a boy when he smuggled a wild hawk into the bedroom he shared with two brothers, Peter has loved and lived with some extra-ordinary creatures. They have enriched his life with their presence. Peter Jenkins captures the vivid characters and the humorous, heartwarming, sometimes fierce personalities of his animal friends. The story is filled with joys, thrills, heartbreak and deep-felt emotions.

"Murder in the Rose Garden" by Elliott Roosevelt is a new Book Club book in which a seductive Washington blackmailer is found dead. To Mrs. Roosevelt's surprise, many men had motive to kill this apparently respectable society matron. Suspicion falls on the innocent, as always.



NEW ENTREPRENEURS - Cathy Mugford, left and Joanne Campbell, right, display some wares at their new shop "Country Traditions" on Rt. 309 in Dallas. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Many gift and decorating choices at Country Traditions

Country Traditions, located in the Evergreen Village on Memorial Highway in Dallas, offers a wide selection of unusual and distinctive home interior decorations.

The shop features "B" Bourgeois and Richards prints, Yankee candles and collectibles. Also in stock are wood and upholstered furniture by Georgia Pine, Stepback and Marlow & Conover. Special

items for the holidays include are unique Santa potpourris, decorations including wool stockings and a variety of unusual afghans.

Proprietors Cathy Mugford and Joanne Campbell invite holiday shoppers to come and browse through Country Traditions. They are confident that the merchandise found in their store will beautify and enhance your home.

POW

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Lehman and Allentown Campus are flying the POW flag which heightens awareness.

Balash said every year is busy but last month he was speaking about once a week. "Luzerne County Community College is also flying the flag," Balash said.

Out of the seven POW's from Luzerne County, Balash has become familiar with four of their families.

Public meeting set on '911'

An open forum on the benefits of the "911" emergency system will be held Wednesday, November 29 in the auditorium of the Science Building on the Penn State campus in Lehman. A panel including state senator Charles Lemmond, Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol and Commonwealth Telephone's 911 coordinator Mark Santayana will begin its discussion at 7:30 p.m.

The Back Mountain Citizens' Council, which is sponsoring the meeting, considers the installation of the '911' system one of its top priorities.

"I think it is a very serious issue in the Back Mountain," said James

Ryan, chief executive of the Penn State campus and a council member last week. "Every county in Pennsylvania should have it. I'm delighted the citizens' council wants to bring the issue to the public."

Ryan explained that the present systems, while admirable in intent, can result in vastly different response times to calls for emergency assistance. He feels the '911' system will assure Back Mountain residents of rapid response, regardless of where they live.

The citizens' council urges residents and public officials to attend the session.

Engineering study slows decision on DAMA plans

By SCOTT A. DAVIS Post Staff

An engineering study is delaying the expansion plans of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA). The study will be used to determine if the sewage treatment plant should connect to another area sewage treatment plant, or upgrade its own system.

According to Plant Manager Thomas Bagley, DAMA is presently conducting an engineering study and analysis of the options the authority has for expansion. "The study will show us which way to go," Bagley said Friday.

The state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) has mandated that DAMA upgrade from a secondary treatment plant to an advanced treatment plant. DAMA submitted a proposal to DER in June, but it was rejected.

That plan would have cost approximately \$5 million dollars. DER

spokesman Mark Carmon said DAMA come up with a design that would be "more cost efficient and environmentally sound" than that proposal. DER told DAMA to look into connecting to the Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority.

Although the study has been in progress since mid-summer, Bagley said no results have been forwarded yet. "Nothing has been pulled into any kind of package yet," he explained. "It is still a grey area."

Characterizing the study as "yes or no at this point," Bagley said the results of the study should answer the question of whether DAMA should connect with the Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority or expand its present facility.

The study was expected to be completed by the end of August. DAMA has been given a new deadline of the third week of December to finish it.

Post Office urges early mailing

This year, the Postal Service is joining forces with the business community of Dallas in urging customers to shop early and mail early for the holidays.

Many overseas mailing deadlines—including those for armed forces stationed overseas—occur this month.

While there are no domestic mailing deadlines, Postmaster Raymond A. Cecconi would like to encourage those sending parcels and greetings to distant locations around the country to take advantage of the early display of holiday merchandise.

"When you shop and mail early to far-away friends and family, you won't need to worry about a winter storm that could halt air or ground traffic and possibly delay delivery," says Cecconi. "We are well prepared for the volume of mail we will receive locally, but it does help

us when it is more evenly distributed," Cecconi adds.

He also encourages mailers to make certain that mail is addressed correctly and legibly, and to include apartment numbers and proper zip codes on cards and parcels.

"Since mail sorting depends on the zip code as well as the name of the particular city and state, the use of proper zip codes will aid us in processing the mail," Cecconi says.

"Mailers can get specific information on international mailing dates and other matters by calling us here at 675-0131," Cecconi says.

"Last year, our customers helped us tremendously. They mailed early in the season and early in the day. We hope they will choose to mail early again this year so we will all have an enjoyable holiday mailing season."

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Police Report

DALLAS TOWNSHIP AUTOMOBILE REPORTED MISSING

On Nov. 10, Michael Minichello, Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, reported that his vehicle was missing on Nov. 9. He told police he spoke with his attorney and felt he should call police. Patrolman Robert Jolley is investigating.

TREES STOLEN

On Nov. 10, Patrolman Howard Koehler investigated a theft by removal of three trees removed from

a residence on Overbrook Road and a fourth tree damaged. Each tree was about four feet high. Investigation is continuing.

TWO CAR ACCIDENT

On Nov. 9, Patrolman Wayman Miers reported an accident on Route 415 in which one person was taken by ambulance to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital for treatment. Police said Merle Thomas was pulling out of his drive to cross Route 415 when it was hit by a car driven by Peter Dragon, Jr., Harveys Lake.



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