

THE DALLAS POST

EDITORIALS

Pizza shops lure new entrepreneurs

Judging by their abundance and growth, there would seem to be no better symbol of modern American small business than the pizza shop. And the Back Mountain seems to be attracting just about every type known to man.

Everything from one location family-owned shops to branches of the largest national chains do business here, and far more have opened than closed in recent years.

There's probably no better example of the pizza restaurant as a ticket to the American Dream than Joe's Grotto at Harveys Lake. In his many years there, Joe Paglianite parlayed the tasty pies into a thriving business that drew customers from far and wide. But there are other individual success stories, too, such as Pizza Perfect in Trucksville, and Treat in Dallas.

Another level of operator is one with multiple stores in the local region, such as Mimmo's, which has a shop in the Dallas Shopping Center as well as several in Wilkes-Barre. Then there are the national powerhouse franchises like Pizza Hut and Little Caesar's, a new arrival.

What successful restaurants seem to have in common - and share with other growing businesses - are dedicated, hard working owners, and employees. The hours can be grueling, the competition is tough and the rewards sometimes slow in coming. But these purveyors of pizza have found their niche, and each satisfies the needs of enough of the market to make it all worthwhile.

Some offer a pleasant atmosphere, others speedy service and still others a wide selection. A few find their advantage in a limited, high-quality menu. Whatever the benefit they offer, the ingenuity and persistence shown by these businesspeople are 1980's versions of the qualities that have meant success for thousands of people before them who carried a dream of independence and fulfillment.

More time in school will benefit students

Judging by the success of Lake-Lehman High School's new attendance policy, setting high standards can still make a difference in young people's lives.

Tired of unacceptably high absentee rates, Lake-Lehman principal Jay Zaleskas, district superintendent Charles Borchetta and others decided that something had to be done. The policy adopted last school year yielded dramatic results right from the start, results that have continued into this year.

While implementation of the stricter standards met with some initial resistance, it is now obvious that they were supported by the vast majority of parents. The improvements that have been shown could not have been achieved without the cooperation of everyone involved.

The board and administration have shown how seriously they take school attendance; the response from parents and students should mean a better education for more young people in the district.

More fish a good sign for Harveys Lake

The improving fish population in Harveys Lake is good news for sportsmen and residents alike. Not only will better fishing bring more business to the community, the larger fish colony will help to clean and maintain the lake's waters.

Many lakes in the Northeast have had their fish populations decimated in recent years by acid rain and excess algae growth. While Harveys Lake has not been immune to these influences, its resistance to decay and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's concerted work have combined to restore and introduce gamefish. According to fishermen, the results are already evident, and the best may be yet to come.

Now if we can better control human abuse of the lake, we can look forward to its growing importance as a recreational resource for local residents and visitors.

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.



Ghostly image

These dried grasses make a wispy appearance with reflecting water in the background. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Only yesterday

50 Years Ago-Dec. 1, 1939 QUICK ACTION STOPS SCARLET FEVER OUTBREAK

Swift precautions check danger of scarlet fever epidemic as health authorities take more than 600 cultures.

Henry Disque ends his term as Dallas Borough School Director next Monday.

A group of young people from other countries will wear their native costumes as they appear in a special program at Gospel Tabernacle in Noxen.

Wed-Emily Casterline and William Lyons; Marjorie Zacharias and Lawrence Race.

Kingston Township championship football team will be guests of honor at a dinner tonight with Wyoming Seminary's Coach Brace as guest speaker.

A three-act play "Yours Truly, Willie", will be presented by the Dramatic Club of Laketon High School Wednesday night.

40 Years Ago-Dec. 2, 1949 PHONE BILLS TO GO UP BY 30 PER CENT

Telephone subscribers in the Back Mountain will receive a 30

percent increase in local service rates effective Feb. 1.

Students enjoy their first meal in the new cafeteria at Kingston Township School.

Huntsville Christian Church dedicates its new memorial organ.

Kingston Township team upset the favored Dallas Township gridgers 24-14.

Engaged-Doris Elaine Prynn and Carl Leray Larson, Jr.

Wed-June Long and Norman Iverson.

30 Years Ago-Dec. 3, 1959 LOPASKY BROTHERS SHINE IN FOOTBALL

Wailing sirens in the Back Mountain will mark the 18th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Westmoreland coaches are working to build another strong basketball quintet.

The three Lopasky brothers bring football fame to their Lehman Alma Mater with their football performances.

Back Mountain YMCA starts membership drive to maintain varied programs at the local building.

Engaged-Carol Newberry and Jerry R. Hendler; Laura Ruth Perkins and James Pery Fidler.

Prince of Peace Church features spaghetti supper and gift items.

Key Club and Hi-Y groups collected \$250 to aid the muscular dystrophy appeal.

20 Years Ago-Dec. 4, 1969 VALLEY PAPERBACK READY TO BEGIN

Jack Stanley, plant manager of Natona Mills in Dallas has been promoted to assistant vice-president of manufacturing for Native Laces and will be located at New York City headquarters.

The presses are ready to roll in the Valley Paperback Plant on Route 309, Fernbrook beginning in early January, according to controller Robert Fritz.

The Dallas Booster Club donated a new sign to the Dallas High School which has been erected along Route 309 and will announce school events.

A raging fire Monday night destroyed nine cottages at the United Methodist Campground at Patterson's Grove, Fairmount Township.



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

NURSING HOME REFORM - Legislation to improve the state's medical assistance payment program to nursing homes was introduced this week by Rep. Jeffrey E. Piccola (R-Dauphin). The bill would abolish the patient classification system now used for reimbursement, allow the state to qualify for increased federal funds to nursing homes and reward facilities which serve large numbers of medical assistance patients.

CHILD SAFETY BILL - Children five years of age or younger would be required to wear approved bicycle safety helmets when riding on a bike or in a bicycle trailer if legislation introduced by Rep. Lois S. Hagarty (R-Montgomery) is enacted into law.

Lake-Lehman football team downs Dallas Township team 28-8 in the "Old Shoe" game and will keep the trophy for another year.

10 Years Ago-Dec. 6, 1979 HISLOP REELECTED TO HEAD SCHOOL BOARD

The State Attorney General in reply to the Post's Oct. 4 "Comment" suggesting that a recent empaneled grand jury investigate the wave of violent crime which apparently involved local area adult book store operators, says the porno inquiry is up to the Luzerne County District Attorney's office.

Local Red Cross officials defend citizens criticism of the blood center's policies.

Richard Hislop was re-elected president of the Dallas School Board.

Hanover Bank begins construction on Route 309 for its new Back Mountain branch.

Wed-Sharon Mary Ellsworth and Richard Callahan; Mary Ellen Duffy and William Shaffer.

More than 1,000 persons attended the Madrigal Dinner at College Misericordia.

Dallas wrestlers won the team title in the Hanover Mat Tournament held last week.

Library news

Gala party marks Mrs. Florence Crump's 95th birthday

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

A super birthday celebration! The Book Club of the Back Mountain Memorial Library held its monthly meeting on November 20 in the reference room at the library. After a short business meeting, the highlight of the afternoon was a special 95th birthday party for one pretty important lady, Mrs. Florence Crump.

Mrs. Crump has been involved with the library in one form or another ever since I've known her. As a matter of fact, she is the person who insisted I become actively involved when I brought my children into the children's library down on Main Street, when they were very young.

When the library was looking for a children's librarian she convinced me I should apply for the job, which I eventually did, when Sue Davern was librarian. And now, 22 years later, I am still working for this super library.

Mrs. Crump is a dedicated, forceful woman and has her heart and

soul in the very roots of this library and all its functions. She has been president of the Book Club for the past 10 years and has been the solid rock of that club. The book store in the basement and the book booth at the library auction are her favorite places to be, next to her social engagements.

We had this surprise party planned and fortunately, she was not aware of it and was very pleased and surprised. About 30 of her book club members, friends, library staff and neighbors attended and each one had some poem or tribute to present to her.

Jane, our staff member, presented her with a yellow corsage, we had a yellow chrysanthemum centerpiece and our library board president presented her with a beautiful cyclamen plant.

All in all, a wonderful afternoon and a super tribute to a fantastic woman and a dear friend. Her actual birthday is December 2 and we thank June MacCloskey for her idea to have the party for the November meeting.

Elin Northrup, Book Club treasurer and Jo Bonham, secretary, poured at the tea table. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Crump, and thank you for your friendship through the years.

Some new book purchases for the children's room: "Draw 50 Beasts and Yuggles and Turn-over Ugles and Things That go

Bump in the Night" by Lee J. Ames donated by the Trucksville Methodist Church Crafters Guild in memory of Leonard Cowett.

Also, "Going to the Dentist" by Fred Rogers a Mister Rogers neighborhood book, donated by Mary and John Blase Jr. in memory of Dr. John Blase. These are two beautiful children's books.

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The Post asks: "Who is most difficult person on your list for whom to buy a Christmas gift?"



Anne Pickering
Shavertown
Secretary

"A member of the family I live with. She is difficult to buy for because she buys everything she wants where she works."



Tom Doughton
Dallas
Retired

"My wife. She buys everything she wants."



Mildred Monk
Dallas
Homemaker

"My sister, she is handicapped and it is always difficult to find something she would be interested in."



Linda Johnson
Beaumont
Teacher

"My mother-in-law because she has everything."



Jonathan Nutche
Shavertown
Student

"My mother never tells my brothers and me what she wants."