

Library news

Donations help purchase more new books

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The Back Mountain Memorial Library has received many memorial donations during the last few months which will enable the library to purchase books and other materials. A gift to the memorial fund at the library is a gift that keeps on giving. It brings enjoyment and pleasure to the people of the community for years to come. The memorial money is used to purchase outstanding material for the library's collection. Some of the books that are purchased are reference works, illustrated art books, encyclopedias or books in special areas of interest. The books receive a special bookplate to commemorate the memorial donation. What 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?

"Quilting for the Back Mountain Memorial Library". Carol

Hayden's third grade class at the Dallas Elementary School has made a quilt to benefit the library. The students drew pictures of bears with cloth marker on white patches of cloth, which were sewn together by Susan Vodzak. The children are responsible for tying knots at the corners and middles of the patches to keep the quilt together. This quilt will be auctioned off at the Library Auction in July and the proceeds will be used to buy children's books.

News from our children's room: Spring story hour sessions have finished for the season. A registration for summer story hours will be held June 1 through 6. The story hours will be held from July 1 through August 12 for 3 to 5 year olds. Toddler story hours will be held June 29 through August 4.

New books at the library: "Jewels" by Danielle Steel is a journey through five eventful decades and the story of a family whose lives are woven into the fabric of history. On

the eve of Sarah Whitfield's 75th birthday, waiting for her family to join her, her memories take her back to New York in the 1930's where she was raised; a beautiful young woman with a magnetic personality and rare intelligence. When her marriage to a childhood friend ends after just one year, she is shattered and ashamed. She turns inward and withdraws.

"Years of Dreams" by Gloria Goldreich recounts the moving story of a friendship that spans three decades, from the sixties to the present day. Anne, determined and independent, needs to summon all her will and courage to achieve her goal of becoming a physician; Merle struggles to balance the love of her over-powering husband; Nancy is a psychoanalyst who deals with her patients' dreams while striving to realize her own aspirations; Rutti is a gifted artist who survived the Holocaust but still believes in a peaceful world.

Don't miss it! Art sale aids library

The kickoff event of the 46th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, an art auction and exhibition, will be held Friday, May 15 at the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

Advance tickets are still available and are important for organizers in planning the event. They can be purchased by calling the library at 675-1182 or Stephanie Reisch at 696-3219. The cost is \$12.50. Walk-ins the evening of the auction are welcome.

The event begins with a preview beginning at 7:30 p.m.; auctioning begins at 8:30 p.m. The affair, featuring major works in all media by artists such as Delacroix, Neiman, Chagall, Miro, Boulanger, and others, will include Hors d'Oeuvres, wine and cheese, and a door prize. Guest auctioneer, Monty Evans, will begin the bidding.

State funding cutbacks have eliminated a \$1.5 million increase in library funding that was passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature. Twenty-five percent of the Back Mountain Library's annual budget comes from its annual Library Auction program. The recent state aid cutbacks to the Library have made this year's event even more crucial to library operations.

"It's the community that really keeps this library going," states Susan Frey, Back Mountain Library director. "All the clubs and volunteers who donate their time,



ART AUCTION PLANNERS - Standing from left, Beth Rosenthal, Joe Dwinchek, Susay Frey, Joanne Runner, Pam Egly, Mary George, Charles Wasserott, IV, Sybil Pelton, Benedicta Matchett, Priscilla Liput. Seated from left, Barbara Lemmond, Patrick Bellardi, Pauline Kutz, Connie Scott, Bill Jones, Stephanie Reich.

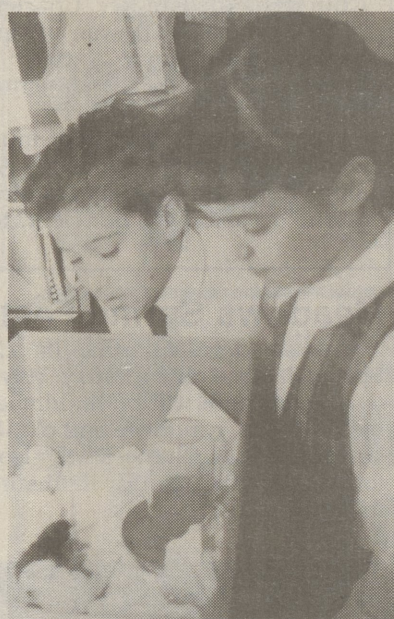
business services, merchandise, and monies are really the lifeblood of this Back Mountain institution. Just recently for example, the dance-a-thon organized by Stretch-Out exercise business person Marlene Cocozza, raised \$5,000 for our library. We're so grateful to all our community volunteers."

"I can't imagine the Back Mountain without its library," said Stephanie Reisch, chairperson for the upcoming Art Auction. "It's such a vital institution to the growing Back Mountain community.

The monies raised by our upcoming auction in large measure maintains our library."

"The library provides books and resources to handicapped individuals," Reisch said. "To individuals on fixed incomes, and it provides learning tools for our young. The library provides business and professional resources to the business community as well. It nourishes the intellect of our young. The library is an extremely cost-effective resource to individuals from all walks of life."

Hands-on science



CHICKS GALORE - Jonathan Kertesz and Robyn Considine admire the young chicks that hatched in their classroom at Gate of Heaven School. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

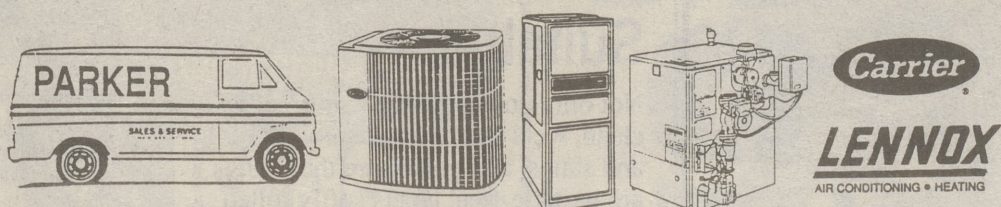


OGGLING THE EGGS - Kenny Pondo examines the chicks. The Pondo family donated the eggs. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

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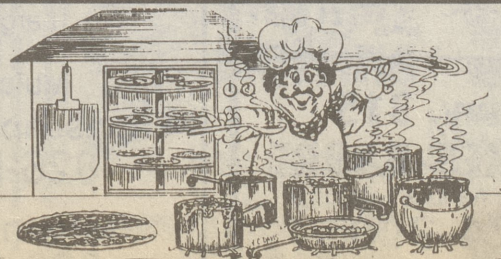
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