

Mailman

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As a result of this delivery service, Myra looks forward to the brief visit from her mail carrier. She would sit on the porch and greet Bob with a smile and a kind word, often accompanied by the offer of a cool drink on a warm summer day.

On this particular Monday, Bob secured his vehicle and approached the Carlin residence to deliver the mail. He was wary of the fact that Mrs. Carlin was not out on the porch.

As he approached the kitchen door he could see that Mrs. Carlin was on the kitchen floor and was trying to get up. She seemed to be in a lot of pain as she was crying, so Bob called to her to see if she was okay and if she needed help. She said she was not and asked Bob to come in and help her to get up from the floor. Asking her if she was able to get up, he tried to help her to a chair but she was in a great deal of pain when she tried.

Knowing she was befriended by her next door neighbor, Ben Kasmark, Bob went outside and called Ben for assistance. Together they were able to help Myra to the kitchen chair and make her comfortable.

Visiting nurses made regular visits to Myra's home and were scheduled for a stop on that day at about that time. Myra was concerned that she had broken her knee so Bob suggested that Ben put a cold



BOB MORGAN

compress on the knee until the nurse arrived.

Mrs. Carlin was later transported to the hospital. She did in fact fracture her knee. Doctors put a splint on the leg and Myra will go to a rehabilitation center for physical therapy.

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Bob Morgan
Rural route carrier

Bob simply went on to complete the daily duties of the postal worker and made no mention of the day's event to anyone at work or home. The next day, Bob reported to work, proceeded to deliver the day's mail and returned to the office.

As he entered he was greeted by a few fellow employees who were offering congratulatory greetings. Bewildered by this he asked, "What are you talking about?" They said they heard about his helping a customer with a broken leg and called him a hero.

Apparently a customer on the RR 6 route was listening on a home scanner and heard the call for medical transport to the Carlin residence, also some facts about the mailman Bob who took the time to care and offer assistance to an injured customer.

Jerry Cavill, the RR 6 carrier was told of the incident by his customer. Jerry was excited to hear something "good" about a postal employee and felt everyone should know the story, so he proceeded to tell Bob's fellow workers.

Bob was a bit embarrassed to be put into the "spotlight" over what he considered to be an ordinary act of human concern. Someone was in need of help and Bob was in the right place at the right time so to speak.

Bob said, "I only did what any other person would have done, so that doesn't make me a hero. I wish you guys didn't hear about the incident but I do thank you for the words of approval."

Two named to Kingston Twp. water commission

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - The supervisors unanimously appointed Shavertown residents Marlene Hogrebe and Frank Kelly to the water commission at their regular September 13 meeting.

The commission, composed of Hogrebe, Kelly, Jim Ward and Ellie Rodda, will be a liaison and advisory committee between the residents and the township supervisors. It will also investigate residents' complaints and make recommendations on water service and supplies to the supervisors. One position on the all-volunteer commission is still open. Interested residents may contact the township manager.

The supervisors unanimously awarded a \$96,132.50 bid to Vincent Construction of Benton to pave Firecut Road on Bunker Hill. Work on the unimproved dirt road is expected to begin in about three weeks, according to township manager Jeff Box.

The supervisors unanimously voted to hire an additional full-time police officer to replace patrolman Robert Weiss, who has been suspended without pay and benefits after admitting he "borrowed" \$106 from a locked evidence room. Weiss is awaiting trial in Luzerne County Criminal Court.

The supervisors will hold the fall road inspection October 22.

Pilots

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"In order to have the FAA register your plane as an experimental aircraft, you have to build at least 55 percent of it yourself," Ward said. "There are many kits on the market, but I like to go from scratch."

He built the biplane mainly from aircraft tubing and canvas, and covered it with 26 coats of paint - clear, silver and the two colors. When he started working on it in the mid-1960's, it cost him about \$8,000. Today a similar biplane would run up to \$35,000, he said.

Can the Pitt Special do rolls and loops and fly upside down like the biplanes in the movies?

"Oh, sure. I used to do all that stuff," Ward said laughing. "But I'm too old for that now."

Rumbaugh, also of Dallas Township, was about 16 and had just gotten his driver's license when his father, who had flown several times, asked him if he'd like to learn to fly.

"The pilot's examination was much simpler then - I only needed about seven or eight hours of instruction time before I made my first solo flight," Rumbaugh said.

Rumbaugh learned on a 65 hp Piper Cub made in Lock Haven. Like the one which Ward learned on, its only instruments were a compass and altimeter. Pilots flew by dead reckoning, plotting their course on a special map and calculating the wind speed and direction from their cockpits, Rumbaugh said.

They relied on landmarks such as highways, railroad tracks, rivers and the occasional place name

written on a roof, like the one on the roof of the old Dallas Agway.

A graduate of Amherst and Temple Medical School, Rumbaugh did a little flying while in college as a member of the New England International Collegiate Air Club, spotting landings and participating in simulated bomb drops on targets. Then his flying career went on hold until the late 1950's.

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Dr. Marshall Rumbaugh
Cessna 210 pilot

In 1975 he became the proud owner of a 1975 "bicentennial" red, white and blue one-engine Cessna 210, which will be part of the display at the September 24 Airport Day celebrations.

He's flown the Cessna all over the country, to air shows in Florida, Denver, the Carolinas, Minnesota, Virginia and Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the country's biggest air meet.

"You have to try flying before you'll know whether or not you'll like it," he said. "Find a pilot who will take you up a few times. Flying is great - you meet all kinds of people."

Airport Day will celebrate the historic first air passenger flight from the valley, in which two planes owned by Frank Martz and

carrying 11 passengers left Wyoming Valley at 9:25 a.m. September 24, 1929, and arrived at Newark at 10:24 a.m.

The Wyoming Valley Airport opened June 22, 1929, handling cargo and mail plane traffic for four months before passenger service began. A common cargo was bags of coal shipped from the area's anthracite fields to the cities.

The airport was built on ground leased from the Garrahan, Post and Pettebone farms in Forty Fort, with the hangar erected in May, 1929.

Area aviation history was made in 1930, when the 22-passenger Condor, the country's largest passenger airplane, landed at Forty Fort.

Attractions at Airport Day will include displays of conventional and experimental airplanes, antique cars, race cars, an airboat and public safety transport vehicles.

Tethered balloon rides, flying demonstrations, food vendors and an arts and crafts show will also be available, with music provided by WNAK radio personality Bobby Z.

Admission to the show, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Airport Association, Inc., and parking are free. Hours are noon to 6 p.m., with a special commemorative program and flyby at 1 p.m.

The airport is located on Route 11 in Forty Fort, just south of the Midway Shopping Center.

Fogel enlists in Army

David H. Fogel has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Plano, Texas.

The Delayed Enlistment Program allows recruits to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Fogel, a 1993 graduate of Plano Senior High School, will report to Fort Jackson, S.C., to begin his military training, September 28. After basic training, he will be trained as a satellite communications systems operator/maintenance at Fort Gordon, GA.

Fogel is the son of Les Fogel of Plano, TX and Sandra Sachs of Dallas.

Luzerne County GOP picnic Sept. 24

The Luzerne County Republicans will hold a picnic September 24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Catholic War Vets Post 274, Old Ashley Road, Ashley. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the gate.

The event will highlight all Republican candidates for Luzerne County and state offices.



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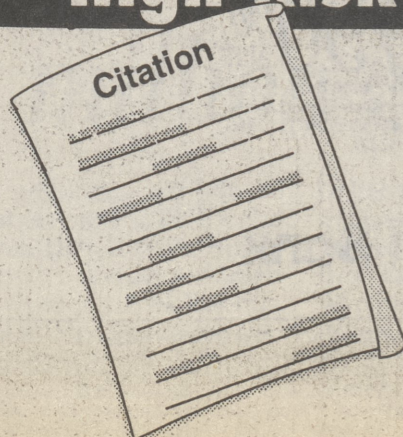
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