

Library news



Nancy Kozemchak

The Back Mountain Memorial Library celebrated 13 years in the new library on Huntsville Road on Wed., March 4. The new children's wing is completed and ready to be used by the children of the Back Mountain. The formal dedication of the wing and the office areas will be held at a time to be announced during the month of April.

The Book Club of the library will meet on Mon., March 16 at 1:30 in the community room at the library. The total membership to date for 1998 stands at 162. New members are welcome any time; dues is \$10 for a single

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and \$15 for a double membership. All members belonging to the Book Club are welcome to attend the monthly luncheon meetings on the third Mondays.

Cub Scouts of Pack 232, Webelows 2, sponsored by Gate of Heaven Church, 10 and 11-year olds came to the library to work on a Community Badge. They learned about cataloging books, practiced finding materials and books by using the card catalog as a reference tool. The troop leader is Paula Baur.

New books at the library: "The Daddy Clock" by Judy Markey tries to answer what happens when two right-for-each-other people meet at the wrong-for-each-other time. Meet Charlie Feldman, Chicago sportswriter whose biological daddy clock is ticking loud and clear; who wants more than anything to become a dad. The catch is, he needs a woman. Enter

Lacy Gazzar; sexy, feisty, thirtysomething.

"The Return Journey" by Maeve Binchy is an extraordinary collection of stories which reveals the author's incomparable understanding of matters of the heart. She brings us sons and lovers, daughters and strangers, husbands and wives in their infinite variety—powerfully compelling stories of love, loss, revelation and reconciliation. A spellbinding trip into the human heart.

"Irish Whiskey" by Andrew M. Greeley is a blend of exciting mystery and touching Irish-American love story. The beautiful Nuala Anne McGrail has twice before amazed her faithful suitor Dermot Coyne with her psychic ability to "reach back" to the past, discovering a wrong that needs righting. Dermot finds himself looking at odd circumstances in the death of Al Cappone's most famous rival.

Trail

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PA Conservation Corps employees work full-time on the Back Mountain Trail in Luzerne. Jennifer Klapat of Wilkes-Barre and Mike Furson of Harding clear away branches, leaves and rocks before leveling and widening the trail.

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Jennifer Klapat
PA Conservation Corps

and poles for rock removal. Judy Rimple, ASTA president, is overjoyed with the program. "It's ideal to have local people building local trails. Not only do we get money for materials, we get a team on the trail every day," said Rimple, who has been heading the grassroots organization for four years.

"Grants are scary. I was elated to get this one. The grant is really important, it makes it possible so that the crews can stay here for a long time," she said. "This valley needs greenways and open space."

Klapat is proud of the work she and her crew have completed so far. "We're making the trail more accessible and walkable. We've done about 20 ft. so far. It looks so much better," said Klapat, who appreciates what PCC has to offer. "It's something different and I'm getting muscles," she said, with a laugh.

Although, the Corps grant offers funds for materials, the trail blueprints call for signs, benches, fences, a retaining wall, creek crossings, erosion control methods, landscaping and surface material. ASTA estimates construction costs for the first two miles will be \$200,000.

Volunteers are encouraged to help on Clean Up days that will occur once or twice a month throughout spring and summer.

A kick-off construction party for the trail will be held Thursday, April 2 at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Dining Hall in Luzerne. There will be a \$10 entry fee. The PCC crew will be there for introductions and people can sign up for different events to be held on the trail.

To volunteer or to support the Back Mountain Trail, call 675-9016 or 696-5082.

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on individual needs, such as adult literacy tutoring, vocational education, college courses and job-search workshops. Many people earn their GED while working for PCC.

Klapat has already attended a seminar on drug and alcohol and Furson attended search and rescue training.

Both Klapat and Furson found the PCC at the unemployment office. "I was sick of waitressing. This is all right. I was sore (after the first day), but it's all right," she said.

Furson said he will work on the trail until it's time for him to join the military.

They meet every weekday at 8 a.m. and work until 4 p.m. They have learned how to use a variety of tools, such as spades, shovels



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Dallas Students of the Month

The PTSO Student of the Month Awards for February were handed out at Dallas Senior High School last week. This month's sponsor of \$50 savings bonds for each student was Offset Paperback, Inc. The winners were: **Eugene Koshinski, 17, Creative Student Award.** He is the son of Eugene and Dorrene Koshinski of Dallas. He is involved with the Jazz and Marching Band and the LCCC Band. He is also a member of the Luzerne County Honors Band, state orchestra and regional band. **Nicole Gabel, 17, Student Citizen Award.** She is the daughter of William and Marilyn Gabel of Dallas. She is involved with SADD, Ecology Club, elementary tutor program, basketball team and newspaper club. Gabel is an honor student and a Youth Group member. **Morgan P. McOwen, 16, Student Achiever Award.** She is the daughter of Wayne and Frances McOwen of Dallas. She is involved with student council, Sophomore Steering, District Chorus and the PA Math League. McOwen has lettered in swimming, received honors with distinction and the NEDT Award. **Michael Vaccaro, 16, School Spirit Award.** He is the son of Pier Didyk of Dallas. He is involved with football, wrestling, track and weight lifting. He has received Rosetti Art Contest awards and wrestling awards. Vaccaro is interested in computers, art, martial arts and boxing.

Legal Auxiliary to meet March 12

The Luzerne County Legal Auxiliary will hold its next general meeting on Thurs., March 12 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Dallas Family Practice building on Upper Demunds Road, in Dallas. The program will feature Nancie Krywicki, an interior designer, who will discuss current decorating trends and techniques. Members and their guests may make reservations by calling Shelley Russin. Pictured from left, are Vivian Bednarz, Beth Rosenthal, Shelley Russin, president; and Kathy Shucosky, vice president.



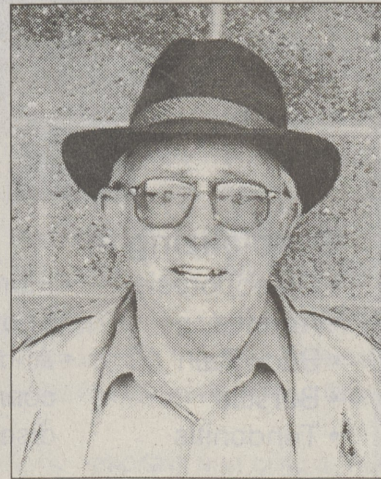
WORD ON THE STREET

Q: Do you own a cellular phone? Do you think towers should be camouflaged?



JOHN TANIS
Harveys Lake

"No, I don't own a cell phone. It would be nice to see them camouflaged. I think it would be better than a regular tower."



JOHN COLE
Harveys Lake

"No. Yeah, it would be nice to camouflage them. I live at the lake and don't have to look at them. They're all over the mountains, so what difference would it make?"



WILLIAM YOSCELLIS
Harveys Lake

"No. If one was right next door I'd probably be interested in camouflage. It would be nice to have some blend in with the environment."

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