

Library news



Carol King

Children's book week coming up

Children's library Story hour participants are celebrating Halloween this week with parades to show off their costumes to their parents and grandparents.

Marilyn Rudolph announces that National Children's Book Week will be celebrated November 13-19 this year. The theme is "Fuel Your Mind". Activities for the week will be announced in the next column.

Computer news Martha Butler reports that the number of computer work stations has increased, and that Microsoft Word is available for patrons' use at two of the stations. Ask at the front desk for more information.

Book store New hours for the Book Store have been announced by Ruth Tetschner. They are Monday and Wednesday, from 1 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ruth has a display of seasonal holiday books, for both children and adults, and is currently running a half-price sale for specified fiction books.

Book discussion group Pam

Oliveira, leader of the Monday evening book discussion group, reports that the group now meets at Stax, in the Twin Stacks complex in Dallas, at 7 p.m. Discussion takes place during dinner on the upper restaurant level. Everyone present at the last meeting liked Ethan Frome, but were "iffy" about Catcher in the Rye. Daphne DuMaurier's Rebecca will be the topic for discussion on November 6. Call Pam at 674-9935 for further information.

Citrus fruit sale The Dallas Post has again generously offered to publish an order coupon each week for the library's popular annual fund-raiser. The coupon, on another page, gives details about the choices of fruit and the prices. Orders will be taken until November 20. The Friends of the Library are grateful for the Post's support, and for the support of the public. Place your order soon!

Reminders: other fund raisers/great gifts Sue Hand prints - 4" x 6" miniature reproductions of the painting Sue produced at this year's library auction. Matted in a choice of colors. \$15 each.

Entertainment 2001 books - discounts on entertainment and in many areas of everyday life. \$25 each.

Tote bags - Two sizes priced at \$8 and \$5 each in choice of red or green, with the library logo.

New staff member Edith Collins is the new staff member who works at the front desk in the library during the evening hours. Her family is originally from the area, but Edie also lived in Bordentown, NJ, and Indianapolis, IN, before moving back here in 1990. She attended Dallas High School. Her hobbies include figurine collecting, and she enjoys hiking and camping and the outdoors in general. She loves to read, and says she is teased by her family about working at the library ("Read any good books lately?"). The Honor Harrington series is one of her favorites.

Annual Kiwanis Halloween Parade scheduled Oct. 29

The Dallas Kiwanis Club members will hold their annual Halloween Parade Sunday, Oct. 29. Participants in the parade should gather at the parking area near the old township building on Church Street near the Little League Field.

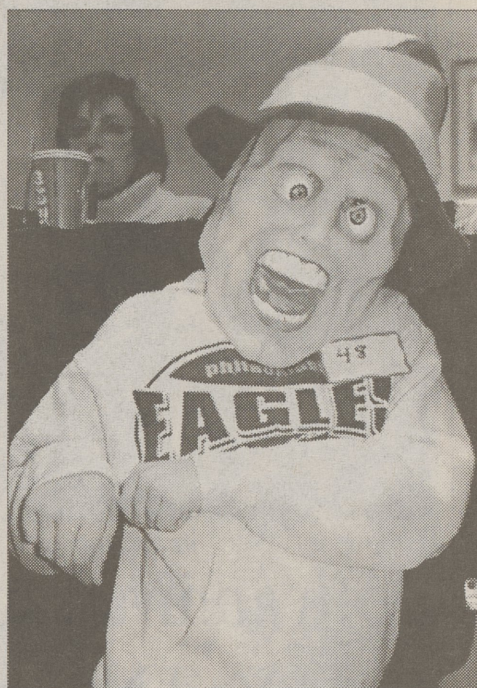
All individuals will be registered between 12 noon and 1 p.m. Costumes will be judged by members of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the top five winners in the following categories: Most Original, Best Group, Prettiest, Funniest, and Ugliest. In the event of rain, the judging contest will be held indoors at the old Dallas Township school building.

All Halloween day contestants will receive a goodie bag. The winners will be announced at the Eastern Star building where the parade down Church Street will terminate.

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association will supply refreshments, games, and prizes, and have entertainment by D.J. "The Commander" Charlie Hayes.

Contestants are urged to report for judging before 12:45 p.m.



Eric Long's costume was judged "funniest" at the 1999 Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade.

Halloween

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One year a cow was hoisted up the school flag pole and tied to the belfry on the flat section of the roof. The bell would be rung in the night before the rope was cut. It delighted the kids that no school bell would ring next day, but there would be school as usual. Various things would be tied to the flag pole, farm machinery of all sorts. Once a filled manure spreader was tied to the bottom of the flag pole.

In the morning all the big boys would gather to clean up everything and take all the farm machinery back to Machells farm where it came from, even the poor cow who spent the night on the school roof bawling in terror. She bawled all the way down the pole in a sling, the same way she got up there. By mid-morning the town was back to normal.

We always had a Halloween party at home in our teen years. We invited boys and girls from the city as well as our Dallas friends. The city kids always called people in Dallas "hicks" and felt they were much braver than we were. We would take all our guests through the towns graveyards as

they were called then. First we went to the old one on top of Huntsville Street taking them through the woods instead of over the road. We had to climb over the remains of a stonewall.

One of the boys who professed to be so brave, fell into a sunken grave. He screamed louder than any girl. It took several boys to pull him out, still screaming. We succeeded in scaring everyone in all the other cemeteries until we came to the Woodlawn Cemetery. There is a mausoleum there that we hoped would scare them. But when we passed it, we heard the door creak and heard moans and groans we never expected to hear. My sister Madeline and I were petrified and began to run down the hill, across the railroad and street car tracks and up Huntsville Street, never stopping until we got home, all our friends right behind us. We didn't find out for a long time that that was where the town drinkers went to keep warm and sleep when they couldn't go home. Safely home we all thought it was funny, but we skipped that cemetery at future Halloween parties.

Principal

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closed on Monday, the selection process began.

First the applications are opened and read through, and then the best candidates chosen. Over the next two weeks these candidates will be interviewed by Dr. Griffiths, Dr. Michael Speziale, Assistant Superintendent, and Martinelli. The best of these will then be interviewed by school board members, and by mid-December the final decision should be made. The position is advertised at \$50,000 to \$55,000 annual salary, plus benefits.

"We're looking for the best fit between the individual and the school district — we want someone for the long term."

Dr. Gil Griffiths
Superintendent of Schools

"We're looking forward to the day when someone can join us on board," Mr. Martinelli said.

Rice Cemetery to be blessed

There will be an informal "re-consecration" ceremony at Rice Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. Several different denominations of clergy will be present, and each will say a few appropriate words. The participants are: Father Crynes of St. Therese's Catholic; Pastor Grube of St. Paul's Lutheran; Father Nagy of Prince of Peace Episcopalian; and Reverend Naugle of Trucksville United Methodist.

The blessing will be open to the public; anyone interested is invited to meet in the cemetery at 10. Parking is available in the back lot of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The cemetery is about a block up from the library on the same side of Huntsville Road (look for the Rice Cemetery sign on the left).



'Spooky Spaghetti Dinner' at church

The Women's Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Rt. 29, Lake Silkworth, is sponsoring a "Spooky Spaghetti Dinner" on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be homemade pie, and treats and balloon animals will be given to the kids. Takeouts are available.

From left: Tauna Gregus, Holly Van Scoy holding her son, Joshua, Pat Pegarella, Father Thomas Hudak, Kathy Sukaloski, Irene Pucci, Donna Gavlick.

Prayer Vigil for Peace at Trinity Presbyterian

Trinity Presbyterian Church will conduct a prayer vigil for peace in Jerusalem and the West Bank in the sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please consider committing to a one hour slot. A prayer booklet will also be available on the day of the vigil. The public is invited to participate. For further information, please call Rev. Mark Harper at 675-3131.

LCCC's 12th annual history conference

Luzerne County Community College will hold its 12th annual history conference, "The History of Northeastern Pennsylvania: The Last 100 Years" at the College's Educational Conference Center on Friday, Oct. 27, beginning at 9 a.m. The history conference is open to the public and free of charge.

Reverend James Wert will present "The Development and Impact of Electric Railways in Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1886-1954." Dr. Kathleen Munley, professor, Marywood University, will present "Crusader for Women's Rights: Miss Elizabeth Lynett." Eric Ledell Smith, associate historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, will present "The African-American Community in Wilkes-Barre in 1900." Richard Stanislaus, registrar of the Everhart Museum in Scranton, will give a slide/lecture presentation entitled, "Anthracite Coal Era Art of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1869-1943."

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages. 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Genos" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. William D. Lewis, Pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 420 Main St., Dallas. 675-1723. The Rev. Robert A. Nagy, Rector. Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m. All are welcome!

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. Saturday Service, 5:30 p.m., short, informal casual worship; Sunday Service, 9 a.m., family oriented worship with children's sermon and Jr. Church; Sunday Service, 11 a.m., traditional service. For more information call the office at 675-3616.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Phone 675-3859 or e-mail: stpaul@epix.net for more information. Everyone welcome! Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor.

Youth Jubilee

Come, Celebrate the Jubilee Day of Youth

WHO: 6-12 Graders
WHERE: Penn State Lehman Gymnasium
WHEN: Sunday, October 29th, 2000
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
WHAT TO EXPECT: Speakers, Liturgy, Dinner (pizza) & Dance (Music by: Champion DJ Services)
COST: Free/Open to Penn State-Lehman Students

Sponsored by The Back Mountain Catholic Churches

In the next 30 days, over 1,600 people will be injured in residential fires. Over 300 will die! Most while they're asleep.*

Do these statistics concern you? They should, because we're entering the peak season for residential structural fires. But you can do something *today* that will help protect your loved ones for a *lifetime*.

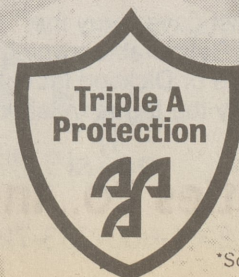
During the month of October, Triple A Protection will donate \$50.00 in your name, to your responding fire department when you purchase a National Fire Protection Association approved Household Fire Warning System, installed and

monitored by us. Protect the things you cherish most, and help support those who may someday be called upon to save your life.

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*Source: NFPA US Fire Problem Report April 2000