

## EDITORIALS

## New gadget can help save lives

It has happened to all of us. We're stopped at a traffic light Rt. 309 or a similarly congested roadway, and hear a siren in the distance. A glance in the rear view mirror reveals an ambulance, lights flashing and siren blaring, coming up from behind. As the vehicle approaches the intersection, the traffic light is red in its direction, and cars are pulling out of the side streets. The ambulance driver gingerly edges the nose of his vehicle into cross traffic, hoping he will be noticed and other drivers will make way. It won't have to be that way much longer, at least in Kingston Township.

Last week the township supervisors agreed to take responsibility for maintaining transponders at all intersections with traffic lights. The devices allow drivers of emergency vehicles to control traffic signals, giving themselves the right-of-way as they approach. This will enhance both the speed and safety of emergency response in the region.

Other municipalities should follow suit, so that police, fire and ambulance vehicles have the greatest advantage when time is of the essence in emergencies.

## 5-year-old fights leukemia

Five-year-old Corey Stegman may have trouble pronouncing leukemia, but he understands the effect of the cancer. Because of the disease, Corey never met his maternal grandfather, who died only months after being diagnosed. It is in John Brady's memory that Corey and his family are trying to raise a \$1,000 donation for the Leukemia Society, funds that combined with other contributions can be used to find a cure.

Like many children, Corey likes to ride his bike. But his is not just a backyard version; he rides a BMX bicycle in competition, where he has earned many trophies for his skill. He won't be riding for a trophy May 26, though. That's when he'll be riding in the American Bicycle Association "Race for Life," to fight leukemia, in a special charity race at Cedar BMX in Newton. Corey is now gathering pledges from supporters in his effort. If you'd like to help, contributions can be mailed or dropped off to Stegman's Floral, 161 S. Memorial Highway, Trucksville, next to Verizon.



Two good friends cast a wary eye at an unexpected visitor. Photo by Jim Phillips.

## Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



It seems to me that George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, known to their closest friends and contributors as The Dons of Drilling, are getting a bad rap from the press for their handling of the surprise energy crisis. (This is not like the Energy Crisis of the early 1970s; its more comparable to "lite" beer compared to Beck's dark, hence no capitalization.) The mad-dog liberals who control the airwaves and presses seem to take delight in ripping into our leaders for their failure to put on cardigans and turn down the thermostat at the White House to just above bone-chilling. Oh, I forgot, it's May in Washington, so instead they should be sweltering without a/c.

The VP lived up to his reputation for bluntness when he allowed that conservation may be a virtue, but if we want to continue driving school buses disguised as cars we need to punch as many holes in the ground as possible. The President's spokesman went even further, suggesting that Americans are blessed with the opportunity to carelessly waste energy while most of the world's population lives on the equivalent of a 4-year-old's allowance and cooks over a campfire. They're being pummeled mercilessly for these little gaffes, which seems unfair when they have so much on their minds, including revitalizing the military-industrial complex to protect us from lunatics with missiles.

Instead of shamelessly criticizing the administration, the press should try to understand the reality of energy in the U.S. today — we need more of it, and we can't let a few dead caribou or sandy beaches stop us from getting at it. It may take years to ramp up production and in the meantime conservation might keep the lights on, but hey, that might spoil the fun for the good ol' boys in Texas who have been such a help to California lately. Personally, I love the smell of crude in the morning as I sit on the porch overlooking a gusher.

So, fear not, brave motorist, your President will protect you from mindless do-gooders who want to slow down your Humvee, turn up your thermostat and ask you to make choices about energy use. That's what Conservatives are supposed to do, right?



Carol King

"Donuts and Discussion", a book discussion group for 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds, will meet again this summer. Fiction books by award-winning authors will be selected for reading and discussion by the participants while enjoying light refreshments. The books selected will follow the theme of discovering the person you were meant to be and doing what you must to change the direction of your future.

Call the children's room at 675-2508 to register starting on Monday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th, from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. to discuss reading materials and meeting times.

Registration for the summer story hours will begin on Monday, June 4. You may call the li-



70 Years Ago - May 15, 1931

## SUNDAY BASEBALL BILL IS APPROVED

The passage of the Denning Bill permitting Sunday baseball between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m., unless prohibited by local ordinance, was passed. By a vote of 106-98 the House took action which set a precedent in the 137 years through which the Act of 1794 has stood.

Curtis Anderson of Dallas township, was named as constable of that bailiwick by Judges McLean, Jones, Valentine, Coughlin and Fine.

Swift progress on construction of 8.42 miles of highway between Tunkhannock and Nicholson, Traffic Route Route 92 (Legislative Route 479) Wyoming county, is reported by inspectors to Secretary of Highways Sam Lewis.

## Children's summer programs announced

Library after 9:30 a.m. Story times will begin the week of June 25 and conclude the week of August 6. Story times for 3- to 5-year-olds will be offered as follows: Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:45 a.m.; and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. A bedtime story hour for toddlers will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. There is no charge, but registration for the limited seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Martha Butler attended meetings sponsored by the Luzerne County Library System to discuss county aid and the state-funded online "Power Access Program". She also attended the Wilkes-Barre Library District Negotiated Agreement meeting. The proposal of services to each library in the District was approved.

Marilyn Rudolph and Janet Bauman prepared and presented a display about the summer reading program, "Animal Odyssey", for the annual Summer Activities Fair at the Dallas Elementary School on April 4th.

Ann Marie Tini and her sister, Mair Tini Luchetti, from Olyphant, PA, gave a lively pro-

gram with music and a video of their newly published book, "How Hilda Hushed Her Hiccups", on April 17th. The audience of 21 parents and children enjoyed the program and interacting with the authors.

**Monthly statistics:** total circulation, 6,633; books added, 279; new borrowers, 66; and active borrowers, 13,790.

The Monday evening book discussion group discussed "The Awakening" by Kate Chopin at its last meeting. Pam Oliveira reported that "all of us were stunned to think this was written in the early 1900's because it is such modern thinking. We all understood why it would have been so controversial back then and developed a deep admiration for the author. It was a tragic love story and sparked an interesting discussion. The pivotal line in the book comes when the main character says she will give the unessential for her children, and even her life, but she would never give herself".

At their next meeting on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Stax, the group will discuss "The Dress Lodger", by Sheri Holman. She, along with David Liss, au-

thor of "A Conspiracy of Paper", will speak on Wednesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. at the Buckingham Center for the Performing Arts at Wyoming Seminary.

(Note change of date from May 16.) The public is invited. This will be preceded by a dinner at Bistro Bistro, Kingston. Prepaid dinner reservations must be made at the Tudor Bookshop by Friday, May 18.

The new display at the library consists of some of the 118 and 124 die cast cars in the collection of Joseph Dwinchick II of Dallas. He started collecting cars in 1997, after he watched a race on TV and picked his favorite driver. He now has over 300 cars, featuring his favorite drivers and special paints.

Nicole Sutton, a page at the library since 1999, has graduated from Dallas High School and will work this summer at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair in Mannheim. She will be in rehearsal during the summer and then will act in the pageant on week-ends from August through October. She will attend DeSales University in Center Valley, Pennsylvania.

60 Years Ago - MAY 16, 1941

## BUILDING OFFERED FIREMEN FOR \$500

Authorization to purchase a long awaited home for Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company and its Auxiliary is expected soon when the membership votes on a proposal to purchase the story and a half frame Ritter building annex from Oneida Lodge, I. O. O. F., for a sum of \$500.

Efforts are being made to enlist the cooperation of every civic, patriotic, fraternal, religious and school organization in the region to take part in the Memorial Day program which will be the highlight of the Memorial Day activities to be held at Lehman.

State Health Officer John Yaple reported 35 cases of measles in Kingston Township and an outbreak of chicken-pox in Dallas Township. Mr. Yaple says there have been 120 cases of mumps in Kingston Township in the past five weeks.

50 Years Ago - May 18, 1951

## ROBERT CURRIE WILL RETIRE AT CLOSE OF TERM

Robert D. Currie, president

and for the past six years a member of Kingston Township School Board, has announced that he will not seek reelection. He played a major part in having a school band organized and a school cafeteria established.

At Sandy Beach Drive-In Theatre some of the movies that were playing: "DOA", starring Edmund O'Brien, Pamela Britton, Luther Adler; "711 Ocean Drive", Joan Dru, Edmund O'Brien, Otto Kruger; "Tarzan and the Slave Girl", Lex Barker, Vanessa Brown, Robert Alda.

Henry M. Laing Fire Company responded to two calls, one a blazing television set at the home of Fred B. Morris, New Goss Manor, and at College Misericordia, where a small blaze developed behind a tractor in the garage.

40 Years Ago - May 18, 1961

## NEIGHBORS HELP RESCUE CAT-TLE FROM STORM-STRUCK BARN

Phillip Ellsworth's barn blew down out in Kunkle at the height of the twister last week. Help came almost immediately, neighbors gathering to lift beams from imprisoned cows, and drivers of passing cars

stopped to assist. With the barn gone and one cow killed, Mr. Ellsworth sold his herd to Elston Dairy.

John B. Cathrall, Dallas, teacher at Dallas Junior High School, has been selected as one of forty-one participants in Franklin and Marhsall College's third National Science Foundation Institute in the Earth Sciences.

Work of remodeling the Wyoming National Bank building, formerly the Acme Market, in Shavertown for the new central postoffice has been resumed after labor difficulty.

30 Years Ago - May 20 - 1971

## HOOVER, PRICE SCHOOL BOARD NOMINEES

Some of the hardest fought campaigns in this years primary election were waged by candidates for school board positions in both Lake-Lehman and Dallas School District. The three highest vote getting Republican candidates in the Dallas School District were William E. Price, nominated with 1,143 votes; Earnest Ashbridge, 926

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