

EDITORIALS

More care needed from ATV owners, riders

A 14-year-old Huntsville girl's name has been added to the long and tragic list of people injured or killed in accidents involving all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). An 11-year-old boy who was riding with the girl Friday afternoon also was injured seriously.

Nearly all crashes of this type are preventable, either by more responsible driving or proper use of safety devices. Manufacturers of ATVs urge buyers to drive carefully and wear helmets, but that advice is routinely ignored, even by children and teenagers who aren't considered mature enough to drive a car.

All-terrain vehicles were developed for use by farmers and ranchers who needed transportation to remote stretches of their land so they could inspect livestock and repair fences. ATVs were quickly discovered by recreational users who found them to be an affordable outdoors thrill ride. A raft of negligence lawsuits resulted in the elimination of three-wheelers and the institution of minimal regulations on their use. But the law can only go so far, and the real control over these dangerous playthings lies with the people who own them. It is up to them to keep children out of the driver's seat and to insist that all riders wear safety gear and drive responsibly.

Leigh Ann Morgan cannot be brought back to life, but it is to be hoped other lives may be saved because this tragic accident made someone realize the potentially lethal consequences of reckless or careless ATV operation.

Fire, ambulance volunteers shine

Shiny fire trucks and ambulances may have drawn many visitors to last weekend's open house at Dallas Fire and Ambulance, but the people who use them were the real attraction. The Back Mountain depends on volunteers for emergency response, and we are very well cared for by the men and women who set aside their leisure time and safety to fight fires, comfort the injured and save lives.

Every community in the region owes a debt of gratitude to these neighbors who devote countless hours to training and equipment maintenance, as well as the actual time spent at emergency scenes. Whether you live in Dallas or Trucksville, Franklin Township or Sweet Valley, count your lucky stars that we are able to place our health and safety in caring, capable hands. And if you have the time and interest, look into joining the other volunteers who provide these critical services.

Publisher's Notebook

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'Tis the season for long-suffering fans of the Boston Red Sox to contemplate fitting celebrations to mark the end of yet another frustrating "could have" season. That's "could have" in the sense that the Sox:

- Could have been in first place by a mile if Nomar Garciaparra hadn't been out due to injury until last Sunday.
- Could have won the division if Pedro's arm hadn't gotten sore.
- Could have won the World Series if the starting catcher and center fielder hadn't also been lost to injuries.

There are those who say it will always be thus, and blame the "Curse of the Babe," a result of the Bosox trading the best player ever to don a uniform. "Ha!" I say to that superstitious nonsense - wouldn't the Montreal Expos do the same today if they could get enough money to pay for a few weeks worth of hot dogs? I think so.

Unfortunately for Boston fans, we can't take advantage of the "big market/small market" argument to explain away our failure. That's the notion that — unlike in pro football — because there's little sharing of revenue between teams, those assigned to cities outside the first tier can never afford to be competitive. The Red Sox have the second highest payroll in baseball, after the Yankees, and besides, Minnesota and Seattle are proving that money and big-name stars aren't everything. Why, the Twins are from such small cities they have to use the name of the state!

And how about those Yankees? How about them indeed; isn't about time those graybeards slowed down? They're leading pitcher, Roger Clemens, is nearly eligible for Social Security, and their lineup card reads like one from the 1980s with a few digits changed. Yet, they win and my Red Sox lose.

I must confess, I was a Yankees fan in my youth, and since I lived halfway between New York and Boston I had plenty of friends who disagreed with the choice. But the Yanks had Mickey Mantle, Tony Kubec, Whitey Ford and Yogi Berra, just to name a few, and I liked my chances. Then, as now, Yankees fans were accused of rooting for them only because they won so much; not shabby justification in my book.

So, how am I dealing with this late-season malaise? I figure if I throw in the towel now, there's a good chance the Sox will rally and catch the Yankees to win the division, not at all illogical given their past propensity to crater when in the lead going into the last few weeks of the season.



Ready for the pickin'. Photo by Heather B. Jones



70 Years Ago - July 30, 1931

SHAVERTOWN FIRE CO. PLANS COMMUNITY DAY

Members of the Shavertown Fire Company are planning for their first annual chicken supper and bazaar to be held at the Shavertown Methodist church and the school house grounds. A program of sport events will be held in the afternoon with a baseball game between the Shavertown and east Dallas teams of the Rural League.

The Pringle Clubs baseball team of the American Legion, which defeated the Dallas Juniors by one run earlier in the season to represent the Kingston Post American Legion, now stands high toward the championship of Pennsylvania.

At your local A&P Stores some of the items you could get were: White House evaporated milk, 5 tall cans, 29¢; full 15 lb. peck of potatoes, 23¢; Pillsbury, Gold Medal, Ceresota flour, 24 1/2 lb. bag, 79¢; red beans, 2 cans 9¢; Royal chocolate pudding, 3 pkgs., 25¢; tomatoes, 4 cans, 25¢.

60 Years Ago - August 1, 1941

SCHOOLS COLLECT \$7000 FROM STATE AID

Of the \$42,190 distributed this week to Luzerne County schools as balance of the annual State-Aid payments, this region's share was \$7,213.24, divided among seven school dis-

Only Yesterday is taken from the files of The Dallas Post, which reach back as far as 1929.

New books on shelves at Back Mountain Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection.

FICTION

- "Fatal Voyage" by Kathleen J. Reichs
- "Suzanne's Diary" by James Patterson
- "Snow Mountain Passage" by James D. Houston
- "Entering Normal" by Anne D.

LeClaire
"John Henry Days" by Colson Whitehead
"The Cold Six Thousand" by James Ellroy
"Boy Still Missing" by John Searles
"The Bronze Horseman" by Paulina Simons
"Death in Rome" by Wolfgang Koeppen

tricts. Largest sums went to Kingston township, which received \$2,747.29, and Dallas township, with \$1,537.02. Approximately 90 women are enrolled and have been enthusiastically attending the Red Cross Nutrition Course established in the Back Mountain area under the direction of Mrs. Mae E. Townend during the past few weeks.

Miss Mary Eleanor Parry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Parry, Trucksville, has been named on the Dean's Honor List at Bucknell University for scholastic excellence during the second semester.

50 Years Ago - August 3, 1951

LOCAL POLIO PATIENTS MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

Two cases of Infantile Paralysis reported in the Back Mountain area making good progress at Wilkes-Barre Contagious Hospital. They are Susie Lamoreaux, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lamoreaux of Jackson Township, and Carol Sutton, 5 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sutton of Carverton. Susie and Carol are expected to make good progress.

Efforts to establish a thirty-five mile speed limit through Shavertown and adjoining communities were discussed at the meeting of Old Toll Gate Lions Club. It was decided that petition should be prepared calling upon state and local authorities to establish a thirty-five mile speed limit and place signs on the highways.

Winners of bonds totalling \$1000 at the Trucksville Firemen's Fair were announced on the closing night. The \$300 bond went to Gavy's Market, Trucksville; winner of the \$200 bond was Maggie Williams, Wilkes-Barre; Fred Shupp, East Dallas, got the \$100 bond; \$75 and \$50 denominations went to Dot Reggie, Swoyerville, and Roberts Oil Company, Trucksville.

40 Years Ago - August 3, 1961

PICKETERS HALT HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Pickers moved in on the new Dallas High School, as fifty workmen making finishing touches on a school building which is within ten working days of completion, went on strike. Workmen struck against Boyd Kline Construction Company at Kline Construction Company of White Haven, stopping work on a school for retarded children. The strike spread to a Mountain Top school construction job, and to Dallas.

One of the finest tented circuses touring the Eastern United States this season will make a one-day appearance at Idetown under Jonathan R. Davis Fire Department Idetown Auspices. Under a huge Big Top, Beers-Barnes Circus will exhibit at the lot across from the Fire House with one hour and half performances.

Dr. L.E. Jordan, 1961 Library Auction Chairman, has been named as one of a ten-member Service for Youth Committee by Rotary International. Only one other member is from the United States. Members were selected on the basis of interest in a specific field of youth activity.

30 Years Ago - August 5, 1971

CAMP ONAWANDAH IS SOLD; FAMILY RECREATION PLANNED

The announcement that Camp Onawandah has been purchased by Harveys Lake resident Arnold Garinger and his partner, Bob Cumens, and that the camp will re-open Aug. 7 as a family campground, will come as welcome news to former Girl Scouts-and to all campers who enjoy living out-of-doors. The 33 acres which comprise Onawandah include heavily wooded areas and wide fields are what Mr. Garinger considers the key features of the campground.

Back Mountain All-Stars lost to Plains 11-10 in 10 innings. Back Mountain had five home runs, led by Bruce Devine's grand slam; two run homes by Bruce Riefenstahl and Bill Kleiner and solos by Dave Thomas and Mark Kulish. Manager Mike Rudick and Coach Earl Lozier commended the team for their fine showing and cooperation throughout the season.

Richard Sheldon, Shavertown, appeared on the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the 1971 spring semester. Mr. Sheldon is majoring in the field of science. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is a private institution of higher learning in Troy, N.Y.

20 Years Ago - July 22, 1981

BACK MOUNTAIN TO SHARE \$106,000 GRANTS

Municipalities of the Back Mountain will share an estimated \$106,658 in state liquid fuel grants next year if the recently enacted "Franchise Gas Levy Plan" (Senate Bill 161) works out as planned. The following is the estimated 1982 liquid fuels grants to Back Mountain municipalities: Dallas Twp., \$50,035; Jackson Twp., \$39,968; Kingston Twp., \$80,987; Lake Twp., \$39,630; Lehman Twp., \$56,211; Dallas Borough, \$32,108, and Harveys Lake Borough, \$24,201.

The Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company will hold its 16th annual horse show at the Lehman Show Grounds, Dallas. The judge for the show will be William Plush. The steward is Mary Hosey. The show will be run in accordance with the rules of the American Horse Show Association.

Joe Ball's Beaumont Bulldogs are the 1981 straight season champions in the Minors Division of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League. The Bulldogs finished the straight season with a record of 10 wins in 11 starts, and wound up with a three game lead over second place Orange Yankees.

AAA Pet Book

- "Australia" by Carl Robinson
- "A Treatise on Poetry" by Czeslaw Milosz

REFERENCE

- "The Reference Shelf: Cuba" edited by Martha Hostetter
- "The Penguin International Dictionary of Contemporary Biography from 1900 to the Present" by Edward Vernoff

LARGE PRINT FICTION

- "Abduction" by Robin Cook

YOUNG ADULT

- "On the Bright Side, I'm Now the Girlfriend of a Sex God: further confessions of Georgia Nicolson" by Louise Rennison
- "Katie Couric" by Sherry Beck Paprocki

BOOKS ON TAPE

- "The Syndrome" by John Case

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