

**Yesterday**

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the Henney, Sweezy and Schwartz farms; White Rock on the hills south of the Luzerne Pike and and Malby Mountain, back of Luzerne and Swoyersville.

50 Years Ago - April 11, 1952

**AERONAUTICS MOST POPULAR CHOICE OF LOCAL STUDENTS**

Second Career Day program for youth of the Back Mountain area sponsored by Back Mountain YMCA was held and over 300 juniors and seniors from four Back Mountain high schools attended. The most popular choice for both sexes was in the field of aeronautics.

Goal for the Back Mountain Cancer Drive, as announced by Mrs. Harry Ohlman, area Chairman is \$2,000. Funds will be solicited by mail instead of personal canvass.

Shirley MacMillen, Lake-Noxen High School, was made secretary of the Penna. Future Homemakers of America at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. MacMillan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William MacMillan, Noxen.

40 Years Ago - April 12, 1962

**SEVEN THOUSAND ATTEND BACK MOUNTAIN LUMBER COMPANY'S OPENING**

The new Back Mountain Lumber Company Hardware and Gift Store was visited by more than 7,000 persons during its opening days. During the opening the store was filled with hundreds of floral tributes from well wishers and representatives of national hardware magazines were there to cover the story and obtain photographs for their publications.

Residents of Dallas were urged to participate in a nationwide demonstration of patriotism and Natural Unity to be proclaimed by the ringing of bells, by Commander Ed Buckley, of Post 672, The American Legion here.

The Library Auction Kick-off Dinner at Irem Country Club will have as a door prize a forty-inch Hot-Point electric range, courtesy of Back Mountain Lumber Company, and an appearance by Aunt Jemima.

30 Years Ago - April 20, 1972

**LAKE-LEHMAN TALKS STALL; TURN TO STATE MEDIATOR**

Contract negotiations between the Lake-Lehman Board of Education and the Lake-Lehman Education Association are at an impasse, and both parties have agreed to seek the assistance of a state mediator. The Bureau of Mediation has named Richard Phelps as mediator.

A year-long jubilee for Peace celebration at College Misericordia reached its climax with three days of concentrated activity-centered around man's search for peace. Since last September each academic department of the college has sponsored activities ranging from foreign language poetry readings to films to guest speakers, all with the central theme of peace.

Lt. Peer E. Blessing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blessing, Shavertown, accepted an appointment into the regular U.S. Navy from the reserves.

20 Years Ago - April 7, 1982

**LOCAL LIBRARY FUNDS SLASHED**

One of the many cutbacks in President Reagan's 1983 budget centers around the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) affects the Back Mountain Library in Dallas. The 26 year old federal aid to libraries bill will be scheduled for zero funding and the Office of Management and Budget, has already impounded four percent of the 1982 LSCA funds.

Walter S. Robbins, new owner of Newberry Estates he indicated that he had no immediate plans for the facility in Dallas. Purchased for an undisclosed price, the condominium complex had been managed by First Valley Bank's real estate managing company, Valbeth, since 1977. At that time, the development's former owners, The Troup Fund, had defaulted on more than \$3 million in loans owed the bank.

Albert Pisaneschi, Trucksville was appointed for a position on the Dallas School Board to fill the 19 months unexpired term of the late Col. William Dierolf, who died.



**2002 Board of Directors for Back Mountain Memorial Library**

From left, seated: Barbara Lemmond, Joseph Stager (Vice-President), Martha Butler (Library Director), Karen Boback (President), Pauline Kutz (Secretary), Durelle Scott, Joseph Mazzoni (Treasurer), Carol Oliver. Standing: Shirley Forney, Benedicta Matchett, Craig Aicher, Elizabeth Leo, Kerry Freeman, John Gager, Ernest Ashbridge, Charlotte Bar-tizek, Shirley Moyer, Fred Krohle. Absent from the photo: Dr. Wallace Stettler, Raelene Olszewski.

**COURT BRIEFS**

**Kocis pleads guilty to child sex abuse**

**WILKES-BARRE** — A Dallas Township man pleaded guilty April 4 to a single count of sexual abuse of children.

Police said they seized boxes of videotapes and equipment from the home of Bryan Kocis, 39, of Midland Drive. Additional charges were dropped.

Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael Conahan is scheduled to sentence Kocis at 8:30 a.m. May 15.

**KT Police Chief sues over collision injuries**

**WILKES-BARRE** — Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage and his wife have filed a lawsuit for injuries the chief sustained while in a cruiser.

Balavage and his wife, Christine, filed the suit April 3 in Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas against Kyle, Paul and Terry Ehllis.

According to the suit: Balavage on May 19, 2000, was driving a police cruiser on West Center Street near Evergreen Road when a vehicle driven by Kyle Ehllis struck the back of the cruiser. Balavage suffered various injuries and is seeking more than \$50,000 in damages.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of March 22-28, 2002.

John E. Halbing, and partners to Patrick Deats, 568-71 Maplewood Hgts, Dallas Twp., \$36,000. Jeffrey Townsend agent to

Thomas H. Zimmerman et ux, 1.37 acres, Franklin Twp., \$85,000.

Andrew Kocpczynski et ux to Elegant Homes, Inc., Lot 13 Amber Woods, Lehman Twp., \$36,900.

Enola Stewart et al to Gerald Stewart et al, Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, Lehman Twp., \$4,000.

**Local resident promoted in Naval ranks**

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michelle E. Hayes, daughter of Julie A. Meletsky and David M. Lawler, both of Harveys Lake was recently promoted to their current rank while serving at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S. C.

Hayes, a 1999 Lake-Lehman graduate, was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in her designated specialty.

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