

EDITORIAL

## Kingston Township police take a step for gun safety

Cheers to the Kingston Township Police Department for taking an active position on firearm safety, one that has the potential to avert unforeseen tragedy. The department is giving out gun locks to township residents for use on nearly any make or model of handgun, rifle or shotgun, in an effort to ensure that unauthorized users don't intentionally or inadvertently fire them. The locks are made available by Project HomeSafe, which reaches all 50 states in an effort to protect people from the consequences of careless gun accidents.

The first line of defense in preventing accidental injury or death by a firearm is to keep these weapons in a locked cabinet. Adding trigger locks creates another layer of protection that is well worth the effort, and is essential for guns that are not locked away. While many gun owners say they feel more secure with a firearm in the house, guns are more likely to be fired by a thief who steals them or a curious child who plays with them than by a homeowner defending his family or property. Preventing a tragic accident — particularly within the family — is surely high on the priority list of any responsible gun owner.

Township residents can take advantage of the offer simply by stopping by the police department between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you can't get there at those times, call 696-1175 and officers will make arrangements for pickup at another time.

## Rec park cooperation a good start

In a sign that the proposed Back Mountain recreation park is a step closer to becoming reality, eight of the 10 municipalities the park is designed to serve have committed to supply funds and manpower to maintain the facility. They are joined by the two largest youth sports organizations in the area, both of which stand to gain stable, high-quality playing fields at the new complex.

Because this will be truly a regional facility, cooperation among the constituencies that will use it is critically important. Just as the Back Mountain youth baseball and soccer organizations draw participation from all towns in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts, so will the other park amenities, such as hiking trails and picnic areas. Since we'll all be using the park, we must all share in building and maintaining it in top form, so that we are proud of the result.



Some Monarch butterflies made a nectar stop on Trucksville on their way to Mexico. Photo by Elizabeth Anderson.

## State Rep. Hasay urges 'yes' vote on fire department funding

Editor,

I wish to bring to the attention of the voters of our area a very important statewide referendum that is going to ask voters, "Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness of up to \$100,000,000 for the purpose of establishing a program that utilizes capital and other related methods to enhance and im-

prove the delivery of Volunteer Fire and Volunteer Emergency Services in this Commonwealth as hereafter authorized by statute?" Our Volunteer Fire Departments play a vital role in our communities, not just fighting fires, but also helping communities during floods and heavy rains. Firefighters and Emergency Volunteers are the hub in the communities for answering

those difficult tasks.

On November 5th, voters will have to make a decision, and I am asking voters to vote favorably to support this statewide referendum. The General Assembly approved this referendum and bond investment because it is a very difficult task finding and keeping Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Personnel. They are a valuable resource

and we need to help them. Voters! Let's help our courageous volunteers!

I am asking the voters of the area to vote "yes" on this referendum question in November.

George C. Hasay,  
PA State Rep.,  
117th Legislative District

## Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, last week offered another convincing reason the U.S. should invade Iraq and depose Saddam Hussein. He said that Iraq was the site of cells of the Al Qaeda terrorist group, although he offered no solid evidence of that fact, although it seems to make sense. Given this logic, I fully expect the black helicopters to swoop down on Buffalo any day now, given that the "Lackawanna Six" was holed up in a suburb of that city.

Rumsfeld's comment, and the President's new doctrine of first strikes against perceived threats to the American way of life got me to thinking about other potential targets of a smart bomb or two. A few come easily to mind.

- China. No, it's not the potential threat from 1.2 billion people in a growing economy with scientific expertise that worries me, it's MSG. Do you have any idea what that can do to your health and psyche? Besides, all those \$2.95 buffets pose a serious threat to our fast-food industry, which in addition to providing millions of jobs slinging burgers keeps our weight-loss businesses filled with clients.

- England. Yes, I know they're supposed to be an ally, but that "football" game they're sending over here is distracting our children from good ol' U.S. pastimes like baseball and hunting. As a side effect, our orthopedic specialists will soon be on the bread line if soccer ever eclipses real, rough, tough American football.

- Japan. Not them again. Yes, I'm sorry to report that as sales of Toyotas and Hondas skyrocket, our rocket — the Oldsmobile — is being discontinued. Sure, those crafty furriers have lulled us into accepting their Accords and Corollas by building manufacturing plants here, but that doesn't undo the harm to our Big Three. Oops, it's now a Big Two, since Chrysler sold out to Daimler. Remember World War II, when our auto plants turned out tanks and airplanes used to save the world from a power-hungry dictator. I'm sure Rummy does.

- Florida. Is there anything less democratic than an election in the Sunshine State? It sure doesn't seem so the last couple of years. We'd have to give advance warning on this one, so the President's brother has time to evacuate, but this could stand as an example to the rest of the world that we're equal-opportunity invaders, even if it takes a few missiles to straighten out our own wayward populace.

**Q:** Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?  
**A:** Only in The Dallas Post

## Back Mountain Library adds memorial, honor books

Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of new memorial books.

In Memory of Victor J. Smith, Sr., "Gone But Not Forgotten: Civil War veterans of Northeastern Pennsylvania" by Ryan Lindbuchler, presented by The Honorable William H. Amesbury

In Memory of Victor J. Smith, Sr., "Gettysburg: a testing of courage" by Noah Andre Trudeau, presented by Luzerne County District Justice Association

In Memory of Victor J. Smith, Sr., "Small Gardens for Modern Living", presented by Debbie and Jim Rourke

In Memory of Chic Sacco, "Medal of Honor" by Allen Mikaelian, presented by Deborah

and Charlie Hampel

In Memory of Regina Youells, "Berta: a remarkable dog" by Celia Barker Lottridge, presented by Back Mountain Kick-Hers

In Memory of Idabelle Mannear, "Oil Painting Secrets From a Master" by Linda Cateura, presented by Tess Whitesell and Kitty Woicicki

In Memory of Jean Madison, "Junie B., First Grader: boss of lunch" by Barbara Park, presented by John and Elizabeth Lloyd

In Memory of Jean Madison, "If You Take a Mouse to School" by Laura Numeroff, presented by John and Elizabeth Lloyd

In Memory of Gerald Leehan, "America at Bat: baseball stuff and stories" by Paul Rosenthal, presented by Marlene and Ed

ball from its athletic program. Dalals Township High school athletic authorities have announced a curtailed complete football schedule.

Sister Mary Eulalia, R.S.M. of College Misericordia, has been appointed to the vital questions committee of the Debating Association of Pennsylvania colleges.

Some of the medicinal items you could get at Evans Drugs: Bisma-Rex, 50¢; yeast and iron tablets, 59¢; cold tablets, 25¢; brewers' yeast tabs, 39¢; Rex-Rub, 75¢; Klenzo Antiseptic, 59¢.

50 Years Ago - October 10, 1952

### COAL SUPPLIED TO SCHOOLS BELOW STANDARD

Visual demonstration of the grade of coal being delivered to Dallas Borough-Kingston Township joint schools was made at a Joint School Board meeting. Janitors in the various buildings had registered complaints. The board discussed a possible analysis of the coal supply.

Darrell Major, a senior at Lehman-Jackson High school will leave for Kansas City where he will be a judge of poultry at the national Future Farmers of America Convention.

Some of the movies that played at the Dallas Outdoor Theatre were: "A Girl In Every-Port" with Groucho Marx, Marie Wilson, William Bendix; "Sound Off" with Mickey Rooney, Anne James; "The Wild North" with Stewart Granger, Wendell Corey; "Sailor Beware" with



70 Years Ago - Sept. 30, 1932

### DALLAS BOARD AWARDS \$250 SEAT CONTRACT

Contract for fifty-two seats needed for Dallas schools as the result of enrollment increase was awarded to American Seating Co., at its bid of \$250.

Construction of the new highway from Lutes' Corners on the Tunkhannock -Dallas highway to Ruggles where it connects with then new highway to Red Rock is under way. The new highway is being built with Federal aid and is the first road of its type to be constructed on this side of the Susquehanna river in Wyoming county.

Dr. Frank R. Schooley, formerly of Scranton, moved to Dallas to establish residence for his family at Church Street and to begin practicing as a physician.

60 Years Ago - Sept. 25, 1942

### TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL WILL KEEP FOOTBALL

In spite of gasoline rationing and tire shortages which for a time threatened to remove foot-

Lyons

In Memory of Gerald Leehan, "How the Fisherman Tricked the Genie" by Kitoba Sunami, presented by Jeanne Elias

In Memory of Becky Kerr, "Cow" by Malachy Doyle, presented by Allison and Edward Maier

In Loving Memory of Kathleen Sukaloski, "American Quilt Classics" by Patricia Cox, presented by Jane M. Morris

In Memory of John Sacco, "Golf and the American Country Club" by Richard Moss, presented by Laura VanJura

In Memory of Dr. Umid R. NeJib, "A Thread Across the Ocean" by John Steele Gordon, presented by Pauline Carmody

In Memory of Dr. Umid NeJib, Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis.

40 Years Ago - October 4, 1962

### FORTY HUNT FOR LOST NOX-EN TOTS

Some forty citizens, with State Police and volunteer firemen, combed the foot of Schooley Mountain in search of three small children. They had been playing together and wandered off. The children came out of the woods after they heard the fire siren blowing. The names of the children were: Geraldine Hettesheimer, Billy Traver, and Morrison Witter.

A former Dallas boy, Staff Sergeant David L. Joseph has been named Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Headquarters United States Air Force Security Force for the third quaete.

Lt. Commander John F. Lynch was recently advanced to that rank in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 28, 1972

### MASTER PLAN FOR SEWERS EXPLAINED BY AUTHORITY

"A Dream Plan for the future" was the description given by R. Spencer Martin in reference to the sewer expansion master plan of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority, which projects to the year 2000. Areas of concern are the Dug Rd, Carver-ton Rd, Orchard View Development; Stonehedge; White Birth Trailer Park, and the Powder-horn Drive, Machell Ave area.

"Cradle to Cradle" by William McDonough, presented by Larry and Irene Urick Shaw and Family

In Memory of Ann Jordan, "Taste of Honey" by Eileen Goudge, presented by Bob, Robin and Ruth Rogers

In Memory of Ann Jordan, "Miss Julia Throws a Wedding" by Ann B. Ross, presented by Cleo Eneboe

In Memory of Mrs. Ann Jordan, "The Silent Lady" by Catherine Cookson, presented by Kevin and Michelle Coombs and Family

**HONOR BOOKS**  
In Honor of 2nd Lieutenant Peter Casterline, "The Last Mission" by Malcolm McConnell, presented by Janet Bird.

Ever since the first Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction 26 years ago, Mrs. H. W. Peterson of Dallas has baked a number of loaves of bread each day of the auction.

Christine E. Damm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Demmy, Dallas is one of 21 Dickinson Collehe students pursuing a year of academic work at six leading university centers in Europe.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 29, 1982

### CLARENCE OZGO WILL LEAD DALLAS CAGERS

Clarence Ozgo will head up the Mountaineers on the basketball court this winter. Ozgo, one of five applicants for the position vacated by longterm mentor, Clint Brobst, had not gotten word of the appointment, however, it was reported, and confirmed by a Dalals spokesperson, that he had received at least six affirmative votes in a closed board session.

Rep. Frank Coslett said that the House Appropriations Committee has approved a bill which would commit \$2,884,000 of the commonwealth's capital budget for construction of a multi-purpose building at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman Township.

The award winning Lake-Lehman High School Band directed by John Millauskas swept the competition at the 8th Annual Tournament "Sounds of the Patriots" in Harrisburg.

**The Dallas Post**  
TIMES•LEADER Community Newspaper Group  
P.O. BOX 366, DALLAS, TX 75201 • 570-675-5211

Ronald Bartizek GENERAL MANAGER	Erin Youngman REPORTER
Kari L. Wachtel ADVERTISING ACCT. EXEC.	Claudia Blank AD PRODUCTION MANAGER
Darlene E. Sorber OFFICE MANAGER	Terry Quinn PAGE DESIGN