

EDITORIAL

Shared vision of the Back Mountain holds promise

While it may seem unspectacular, the decision by the Dallas Township Supervisors to join the new Back Mountain Council of Governments (COG) is a giant step forward for the region.

Dallas Township and Kingston Township contain within their borders a majority of the population in what is generally considered the Back Mountain. Equally important, when combined with Dallas Borough and Lehman Township, the other current members, the COG includes the municipalities through which the region's main thoroughfares pass, its commercial heart and a large portion of its undeveloped land.

The first visible COG-sponsored project will be heightened patrols along Routes 309 and 415. This "mini-expressway" is the two-edged sword of the local economy, providing easy and safe travel through, but not necessarily within the Back Mountain. The COG members have agreed to coordinate a more intense focus on the highways, with an eye toward putting an end to a recent rash of serious accidents.

There is a great deal the COG can do in the longer term to help the Back Mountain reach its full potential as a vibrant community of homes, jobs, schools and organizations. And the council's very existence may make it possible to obtain grants and other forms of assistance that can be used to examine zoning and planning, improve services and contribute to a higher quality of life.

If the Council of Governments is successful with its initial endeavors, it may attract interest from the four or five other municipalities that could qualify for membership. That kind of expansion would hold the promise of even more opportunities to build on the diverse strengths, concerns and opportunities so obvious in the Back Mountain, to the benefit of everyone who lives here.

Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



Months of complaining about cold, gray skies and seemingly endless precipitation are about to come to an end, as the season we've all been waiting for arrives with brilliant sun and pleasant temperatures. (Or maybe not, judging by the dreary holiday weekend just passed.) Why, then, do I anticipate summer with dread, you ask? Perhaps it's because of the two teenagers at home, who will now have nothing to break up days and weeks that offer unlimited potential for lethargy, injury or both.

As a charter member of the Overprotective, Over-worried Parents organization (OOPS for short), I am a big proponent of year-round schooling, and perhaps around-the-clock too. It's not that my kids are any more trouble than other people's — in fact they aren't really a problem at all most of the time. But the possibilities are lying in their active minds and racing hormones, just as surely as are As in math.

It's far easier to solve the summertime dilemma when children are young, impressionable and physically small. Just sign them up for summer classes, workshops or sports camps, and a good portion of the worry time is filled. But then they get older, tougher and bigger, and that complicates things. Worst of all, they want to think for themselves, and at this stage one of the beliefs they express most vociferously is the right to remain somnolent.

In fact, I worry too much. Since those same chemical imbalances wear teens out on a daily cycle, it's likely they'll be conscious only half the day. Add feeding time to the 12 hours asleep, and there's not a whole lot left for mischief, although it does seem mayhem can be achieved far more quickly than scholarship or work.

Letters, columns and editorials

The Dallas Post publishes opinions on a variety of topics in many forms.

Editorials, which are the opinion of the management of The Post, appear on the editorial page and are written by the editor unless otherwise indicated. Any artwork represents the opinion of the cartoonist, and columns are the opinion of the author.

Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published, subject to the following guidelines:

- Letters should not exceed 500 words.
No writer may have more than one letter published during a 30-day period, except as a reply to another letter.
Letters must be signed and include the writer's home town and a telephone number for verification.
Names will be withheld only if there exists a clear threat to the writer.
The Post retains the right to accept or reject any letter, and to edit letters for grammar and spelling, as well as to eliminate any libel, slander or objectionable wording.

In addition to letters, we welcome longer pieces that may run as columns. The author or subject's relevance to the Back Mountain will be the prime consideration when selecting material for publication. Call 674-4660 if you have questions or comments.

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The barn door's closed, but where are the horses? Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LIBRARY NEWS



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Cards for the summer reading program, "Get in the Game at Your Library," may be picked up in the children's room any time after 1 p.m. during the week of June 2-7.

The schedule for the summer story hours again includes evening sessions. The programs will start on Tuesday, June 24, and continue through Thursday, August 7. The hours are as follows: Tuesdays, toddlers, 11-11:30 a.m.; 3-5-year-olds, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 3-5-year-olds, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:30 a.m.; and Thursdays, 3-5-year-olds, 10-11:00 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 675-1182 to register.

Classes for babysitters: The fourth in this series of American Red Cross classes will be held at the library on Saturday, June 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There are only a few vacancies left. However, another class may be scheduled if there are enough

Pick up summer reading cards June 2-7

names on a waiting list. Call the library for further information.

Auction Kick-Off Dinner: The 57th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Kick-Off Dinner will be held Monday, June 16, at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estate, Dallas, with drinks from 6-7 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the library. Don't miss it — it is a fun event leading up to the excitement of the auction, July 9-13. Volunteers are needed for the auction — ask how you can serve.

Grandfather clock to be raffled: The Auction Committee expresses its appreciation to David Hall for the Howard Miller Grandfather Clock which he has contributed in memory of his late wife, Kathryn Hall. It has a burl wood case and five chimes. Raffle tickets for the clock are available at the library for \$2 each, or six chances for \$10. The drawing will take place during the auction, July 10 through 13.

Auction photo contest: The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the contest, which is supported by the Dallas Photo Shop and the Dallas Rotary. Photos must be taken at the auction in digital format, and submitted

before July 25. Only amateurs are eligible. The first prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Dallas Photo. Further details will be given in a future report.

Library's cookbook recipes honored: Two recipes from the "Chefs and Artists" cookbook published in 1991 by the Friends of the Library have been selected for inclusion in the "Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook II" from over 14,000 recipes published all over the country. The two recipes are "Amber Glow", submitted by Cleda Shelby, and "Green Noodles", submitted by Shirley Forney. ("Scallops and Green Noodles", in the "From the Sea" section), Maryan Daily and Carolyn Johnson were chairperson and co-chairperson, respectively, of the project. The "Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook II" is available for check-out at the library.

Library to provide newspaper archive: The Back Mountain Memorial Library is providing a full-text archive of the Times Leader. The press release states "This unique web-based resource of current and retrospective news will be available online from four of the public access terminals at the library. This archive can also be accessed from home through our

website, backmountainlibrary.org, by clicking on the link, Newsbank Info Web.

"In providing this resource we hope to assist library users in tracking the development of issues over time, research issues before and after they come to prominence, provide obituary information and keep abreast of current issues by using the News Bank Special Reports. The funding for this project was made possible with special donations."

Librarian's report: Staff members continue to attend meetings to improve service to library patrons. Visiting groups included a den of Boy Scouts who came to research American life and customs during Colonial times, and "Romper Room" children from Harveys Lake.

Statistics for the month of April: total circulation, 8,211; new books added, 292; new borrowers, 60; and active borrowers, 15,407.

Author appearance: Lisa Tucker, author of "The Song Reader", will meet with readers at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at Wyoming Seminary's Buckingham Center for the Performing Arts on Sprague Avenue.

ONLY YESTERDAY



70 Years Ago - June 2, 1933

CONCRETE ROAD AT LAKE TO BE EXTENDED

Bids will be open by the State Highway Department for paving a stretch at Harveys Lake also for two links in Hazelton. The link at Harveys Laks is to be .71 miles long, and 5 feet wide.

Dallas borough Taxpayers' Association has secured the signature of more than 150 property owners in the borough asking for a reduction in taxes from the school board, borough council adn poor board.

At a joint of the borough school board and members of the tax committee of Dallas borough taxpayers association the school millage in the borough for the coming year was reduced from thirty to twenty-five mills.

60 Years Ago - May 29, 1943

FLYING CADETS TO LEAD PARADE AT SHAVERTOWN

Shavertown will dedicate its honor roll bearing the names of 127 of its men and women in

service with a colorful patriotic parade headed by aviation cadets from Wilkes-Barre.

A certified check for \$135 received from the sale of scrap will be turned over to Rulle Case, chairman of the Air Raid Wardens in the south district of Dallas Township, by Earl Layaou, chairman of the Scrap Salvage Committee.

Hundreds of retailers throughout the east will be put out of business by the latest gasoline ruling on deliveries. Millions of commuters, workers and others will be affected by the curtailment of bus schedules.

50 Years Ago - May 29, 1953

CAROL BOGART CROWNED QUEEN AT WESTMORELAND

Carol Bogart, Shavertown was crowned Queen of the Prom at Junior Senior Dance at Westmoreland. A white toy poodle with a red hat and leash and a bottle of perfume tied to his neck, was presented along with the crown.

Some of the items at Hi-Way Super Market were: Ma's Old Fashion Sodas 24 7-0z bottles 98¢; bananas, 3 lbs. 29¢; watermelons 95¢; ground beef 3 lbs. 95¢; steaks lb. 65¢.

40 Years Ago - May 29, 1963

LAKE POWER COMPANY CUTS COST FOR CUSTOMERS

Harveys Lake Light Company

announced savings of \$30,653 annually affecting 3,774 customers in Idetown, Oakhill, Harveys Lake, Noxen Orange and Kunkle.

Heavy frost accounted for thousands of dollars damage to tomato and stone-fruit crops according to Orange and East Dallas farmers. Dymond Brothers is reported to have lost 75,000 tomato plants.

At a meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, Paul Shaver. Lone bidder was awarded contract for installation of the new siren, recently purchased by the company.

30 Years Ago - May 31, 1973

COUNCIL INSISTS DAMA NEEDS OKAY ON RATE HIKES

Dallas Borough council, at a meeting, again insisted that the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) needs council approval of any new policy that affects borough residents. This assertion came as a result of the recent DAMA announcement that sewer hook-up permit fees would increase to \$250. Present fee is \$150.

The Back Mountain cultural center, a newly formed organization serving the Back Mountain community, announced initiation of a contest to select a symbol or "logo" for the Center's use. Howard J. Grossman, is temporary chairman.

Barbara Evans and Jo Ann

Urick were announced the top honor students of the Lake-Lehman senior class. Anthony Marchakitus, principal of Lake-Lehman High School, announced that the title of valedictorian goes to Miss Evans, and that of salutatorian is extended to Miss Urick.

20 Years Ago - June 1, 1983

TOWNHOUSES RESISTED IN DALLAS BOROUGH

Petitions are being circulated to prevent the building of town houses in Dallas on a triangular plot bounded by Church Street, Center Hill Road and Claude Street, approximately 50 families living in the immediate area are reported to have signed the protest petition.

The construction of sidewalks along Huntsville Road from the corner of Franklin Street up to Park Street is being planned by Dallas Borough, A Community Development Grant to fund the \$70,000 project is presently in Harrisburg awaiting approval.

Two hundred forty one students are scheduled to graduate from Dallas Senior High School in outdoor ceremonies in the football stadium. Ronald J. Gaetano, Wyoming Seminary Human Resources coordinator and president of Awareness Media Association will be guest speaker.