

OUR OPINION

Good business is good for the Back Mountain

What's good for General Motors is good for America." That arrogant statement, uttered 50 years ago by a former chairman of the industrial giant, has been challenged time and again since, and not just by Ford fanatics. But while it now is painfully obvious that individual and corporate goals frequently conflict, there is a grain of truth in Charlie Wilson's famous quote; a healthy business sector can underpin a nation's prosperity and thus the satisfaction of its citizens in unseen as well as obvious ways.

The same holds true on a smaller scale here in the Back Mountain. Our material success does not depend on a GM or

Business Fair & Card Exchange
Wed., May 26, 4-7 p.m.
Stax & Co., Twin Stacks Center
Rt. 415, Dallas
Public and other business people and professionals invited
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks

Enron — thank goodness — but our diverse business community is a critical contributor to our comfort, convenience and progress. We are fortunate to have attracted and sustained businesses that seek not only to make a profit, but to invest in the community that sustains them. That commitment takes

many forms, from sponsoring a Little League team, to supporting fund drives that help neighbors struck by tragedy, to simply retaining employees when more ruthless enterprises would cast them off for short-term gain.

That is not to say we should make shopping plans solely on the basis of the size or location of stores and offices. We should demand — and local businesses strive to provide — quality, selection and service that earns our trade. But we should also keep in mind the easily overlooked benefits that derive from a vibrant commercial segment, and be conscious of what would be jeopardized if too much of our spending was to leave the area.

You are invited to view a sampling of the local business spectrum at Wednesday's Business Fair and Card Exchange, sponsored by the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association. If you are a consumer, stop by and greet some of the people working to earn your trust. If you are thinking of starting or relocating a business in the region, this is a one-stop shop for all of your needs, and there will be open seminars to put you in touch with local professionals who can help you on your way. Then you can join other people who have combined their livelihood with the rest of their lives to build a satisfying and prosperous future in a community they can truly call home.

Fit for life, at any age

They're often called "lifetime sports." Tennis, backyard basketball and running are activities that can be enjoyed throughout life and that don't require a team or extensive facilities to perform. Of course, like all human activity, they also can be played at the highest levels of achievement, as demonstrated in recent weeks by local high school athletes.

We extend congratulations to young men and women who have reached and surpassed lofty personal goals, and in several instances, long-standing records.

- The Dallas girls 3200 relay team of Jessica Jones, Jamie Stanish, Lisa Giacometti and Whitney Adams smashed the 19-year-old meet record by more than nine seconds in winning gold at the same championships.

- The Lake-Lehman High School girls track and field team, which finished the regular season undefeated, again.

- Greg Andrusian of Dallas, who along with his doubles partner won the District 2 championship and advanced to the state tournament.

To be sure, there have been many other outstanding performances, and we apologize for not including them in this illustration of excellence.

It's also worth noting some smaller-scale achievements, such as the children at Dallas Elementary School who have completed five miles of running or walking in the "Recess Running Program" that began there early this month. Conceived by Amy Rome, a parent and avid runner who is concerned about poor fitness in children, the three-day-a-week activity has drawn enthusiastic participation. The hope is to instill a love of physical activity that will compete with the attractions of video games, cable television and surfing the Internet.

Perhaps some of these youngsters will grow up to be district champions. The volunteer effort will yield even greater fruit if lots of them adopt fitness as a habit that continues far beyond their school days.

Letters are welcome

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Nature's handiwork, and man's, at Trucksville United Methodist Church. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On May 26, 1897, horror writer Bram Stoker's classic vampire tale, "Dracula," is first offered for sale in London. The novel tells the story of a Transylvanian vampire and his English victims.

- On May 27, 1933, Walt Disney's cartoon "Three Little Pigs," featuring the song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?," is released. The cartoon became the most popular animated film up to that time.

- On May 29, 1953, at 11:30 a.m., Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of

Mount Everest, the highest point on earth at 29,035 feet above sea level.

- On May 24, 1964, Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., suggests during an interview using low-yield atomic bombs in North Vietnam. A storm of criticism followed, and Goldwater was crushed by Lyndon B. Johnson in the U.S. presidential election later that year.

- On May 30, 1971, the unmanned U.S. space probe Mariner 9 is launched on a mission to Mars. Mariner 9 would become the first spacecraft to orbit a planet other than Earth, and send back more than 7,000 pictures of the "Red Planet" and the first close-up images of the Mart-

ian moons.

- On May 25, 1977, China's communist government lifts its decade-old ban on the writings of William Shakespeare.

- On May 28, 1987, Matthias Rust, a 19-year-old amateur pilot from West Germany, takes off from Finland, travels through more than 400 miles of Soviet airspace, and lands his small Cessna aircraft in Red Square by the Kremlin. The event was an immense embarrassment to the Soviet government and military, and Rust would spend 18 months in a Soviet prison.

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PACE/PACENET applications available

Senior citizens who rely on prescription drugs to stay healthy may qualify for financial assistance through the state's newly expanded PACE and PACENET prescription drug assistance programs.

The PACE income limits have been increased by \$500, allowing more seniors to access the program's benefits. It now includes single senior citizens with incomes up to \$14,500 and married seniors with incomes up to \$17,700. PACENET income eligibility limits are between \$14,500 and \$23,500 for single seniors and between \$17,700 and \$31,500 for couples.

PACENET participants are required to pay a monthly \$40 deductible, and then are only responsible for an \$8 copay on generic drugs and \$15 for brand name prescriptions. PACE participants pay \$6 copayment for each generic prescription and a \$9 copayment for brand name medications.

The law creates a Pharmaceutical Assistance Clearinghouse, which gives seniors access to information on public and private assistance programs available to help them pay for medications. In addition, the law calls on the Department of Aging to

study pharmacy best practices and cost control programs.

The programs are open to low-income Pennsylvanians age 65 or older.

For more information about PACE/PACENET or for an application, contact one of these state legislators:

- Rep. George Hasay, 5315 Main Rd., Sweet Valley, or 862 State Rt. 29 South, Tunkhannock, 836-1247.

- Rep. Phyllis Mundy, 400 Third Ave. Kingston, 283-9622.

- Sen. Charles D. Lemmond, 22 Dallas Shopping Ctr., Dallas, 675-3931.

70 Years Ago May 25, 1934

FIRST M.E. CHURCH WORKERS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL DRIVE

The First M.E. Church of Dallas, of which Rev. Francis Freeman is pastor, will begin its annual canvas for budget finances. Members of the committee include: Mr. and Mrs. w. H. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brace, Mr. and Mrs. E. Parish and Mr. and Mrs. William Niemeyer.



ONLY YESTERDAY

A dancing club has been organized by a group of Dallas young people who hold weekly meetings at the home of Ruth Him.

The Dallas Women's Club will present a fir tree to Dallas School District this morning. The tree will be planted in front of the grade school with appropriate ceremonies.

60 Years Ago May 26, 1944

'GATE OF HEAVEN' IS NAME GIVEN TO NEW PARISH

The spacious grounds and residence owned by the late Kate G. Bauir have been sold to Scranton Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church for the new Gate of Heaven Parish which will be established in Dallas. The property was sold for \$8,500 last Saturday, a few hours before it would have come up for public auction. St. Therese's parish of Shavertown sponsored the purchase.

Robert M. Miller, County Controller and a veteran of WWI, will be the speaker at the dedication of the Jackson Township Honor Roll at Chase Corners on Memorial Day. The Drum and Bugle Corps of Lehman Band will play the Call To The

Colors while Mrs. Michael Utrich, a gold star mother unveils the Honor Roll.

A 1941 Ford Truck was delivered this week to Lehman Fire Company for remodeling into a fire truck.

50 Years Ago May 21, 1954

BOYS SHOOT CROCODILE ON HUNTSVILLE RESERVOIR

What appears to have been a baby crocodile was shot on the shore of Huntsville Reservoir Saturday shortly before noon. Mrs. Boyd Dodson, driving home from marketing in Dallas, saw two teenage boys carrying an armored reptile by the tail. The boys said the animal was sunning itself on the grassy shore, and they shot it with a BB gun.

Richard Sarmonis, a second grade pupil at Noxen elementary school won first prize of \$5 for his health poster.

Robert Scott, Trucksville, has made fifteen doll beds for the Library Auction. Some have spindles, some solid head and footboards, and some are four-posters. Volunteers are now needed to make bedding.

40 Years Ago May 21, 1964

NOXEN BUSTLING FOR BIG HORSE SHOW

Noxen is buzzing with activity this week as all available firemen and helpers crowd spare hours nailing together grandstands and booths for the fourth big fire company horse show.

Jay Ruckel and Pat Kanasky have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Lake-Lehman class of 1964, according to principal Anthony Marchakitus.

William O'Brien, Jr., will appear on the Lee Vincent show Sunday on Channel 28 in a piano solo. The thirteen year-old is a

student of Mrs. Bessie Thomas, East Dallas.

30 Years Ago May 23, 1974

BRICE ONE OF FIRST MALE MISERICORDIA GRADUATES

John Brice, Harveys Lake, was one of the first three men to graduate from College Misericordia. He received a two-year graduate scholarship and teaching assistantship in painting at the University of Cincinnati.

Plans were discussed at the recent meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company for a booth at the Firemen's Fair. Anyone wishing to donate items should contact Mrs. Hugh Gallagher or Mrs. Charles Woolbert.

The Junior High Mounts conquered the hard-hitting Wilkes-Barre Township team by a score of 11-8. Tom Youelis knocked in the first two runs and Steve Skammer knocked in the third.

20 Years Ago May 23, 1984

DAVIS NAMED ART & FASHION INSTITUTE AWARD WINNER

The Art and Fashion Institute of Atlanta announced the selection of Marcia Davis as one of the fall quarter Merit Award winners. Marcia is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and is in the Visual Communications program at the Art Institute.

The Lake-Lehman High School Band swept the International competition in Montreal, Canada, giving the Back Mountain musicians their fourth international title.

Led by the 10-medal winning performance of Mark Richardson, Steve Brace, and Walter Lasecki, the Dallas Junior High Track Team won the overall Boys' Championship at the District II Meet at Scranton Municipal Stadium.

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