

OUR OPINION

This relay isn't over, but latest leg was impressive

Let's hear a hearty round of applause for all the generous donors and supporters of the Relay for Life, held last weekend at College Misericordia. Organizers set a goal to raise \$41,000 that could be used in the fight against cancer; they earned far more when 330 participants turned in \$102,000, an exceptional amount by any measure.

Relay funds came from a variety of sources and hundreds of people, 330 in all. The biggest supporters were employee groups from Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, which fielded 11 teams that raised \$72,000. That was nearly double their 2003 performance, the result of countless raffles, bake sales, yard sales and other events. Commonwealth decided to move its teams this year to Dallas from the Wilkes-Barre Relay. We trust the change in location was a factor in this year's success.

One big contributor, Allison Boris, turned sorrow into positive action, and has nearly reached her personal commitment to collect \$10,000 for research into the disease that last year claimed the life of her father, Dr. Frank "Buddy" Boris. In doing so, she validated the lessons he had taught her about keeping a positive attitude and taking action when faced with a challenge. Allison was honored at the Relay as the top individual fundraiser, although she is quick to share the credit with family members, friends and classmates who helped her to make "Buddy" aprons and bags that sell for \$20 each, with proceeds donated to cancer research. Some are still available at Humphrey's in the Back Mountain Shopping Center, so if you want to help Allison go over the top, stop by and check them out.

If you'd like to join the people doing so much to fight this devastating disease, call the American Cancer Society toll-free at 1-888-227-5445. The next Relay for Life is less than a year away.

Auction countdown begins, make an effort to help

The 58th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will open in less than a month, and there is ample time between now and July 8 for you to get involved with this remarkable event.

The auction is the largest single fund raising activity held to support operations at the library, which is dedicated to serving the people of the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts. But the auction is more than a key source of income, this four-day extravaganza is a showcase for community pride and cooperation on a scale rarely seen in today's hectic world. Put on entirely by volunteers, the auction has become the premier social event of the year, where old friends and new neighbors greet one another, all drawn together to support a vital institution that is equally a resource for young and old, rich and poor.

There are several ways each of us can contribute to the auction's success, and thus the library's fiscal health. Businesses can make a tax-deductible donation of merchandise or services to be sold over the block or through a silent auction. Individuals can do the same with good used items. Already this year, generous donors have given a marvelous set of tableware and a nifty outdoor table. These can also be considered charitable contributions.

The simplest way to help is to pencil in the dates on your calendar — July 8-11 — take out a bid number and raise your hand for items that catch your fancy. You're likely to go home with a treasure, and to do some good at the same time.

For more information about the auction, or to find out how to donate items, call the library at 675-1182.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On June 18, 1815, at Waterloo in Belgium, Napoleon Bonaparte suffers defeat at the hands of the Duke of Wellington, bringing an end to the Napoleonic era of European history.
- On June 15, 1846, the U.S.-Canadian border is established as representatives of Great Britain and the United States sign the Oregon Treaty, settling a long-standing dispute. The United States gained formal control over the future states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and the British retained Vancouver Island and navigation rights to part of the Columbia River.
- On June 19, 1885, The Statue of Liberty, a gift of friendship from the people of France, arrives in New York City's harbor enclosed in more than 200 packing cases.
- On June 14, 1954, more than 12 million Americans "die" in a mock nuclear attack, as the United States conducts its first nationwide civil-defense drill. At 10 a.m., alarms were sounded in selected cities, at which time all citizens were supposed to get off the streets and seek shelter.
- On June 16, 1963, aboard Vostok 6, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman to travel into space. She returned to Earth after 48 orbits and 71 hours, having spent more time in space than all U.S. astronauts combined to that date.
- On June 20, 1977, with a flip of a switch in Prudhoe Bay, crude oil from the nation's largest oil field begins flowing south down the trans-Alaska pipeline to the ice-free port of Valdez, Alaska. The pipeline was the world's largest privately funded construction project to that date, costing \$8 billion.

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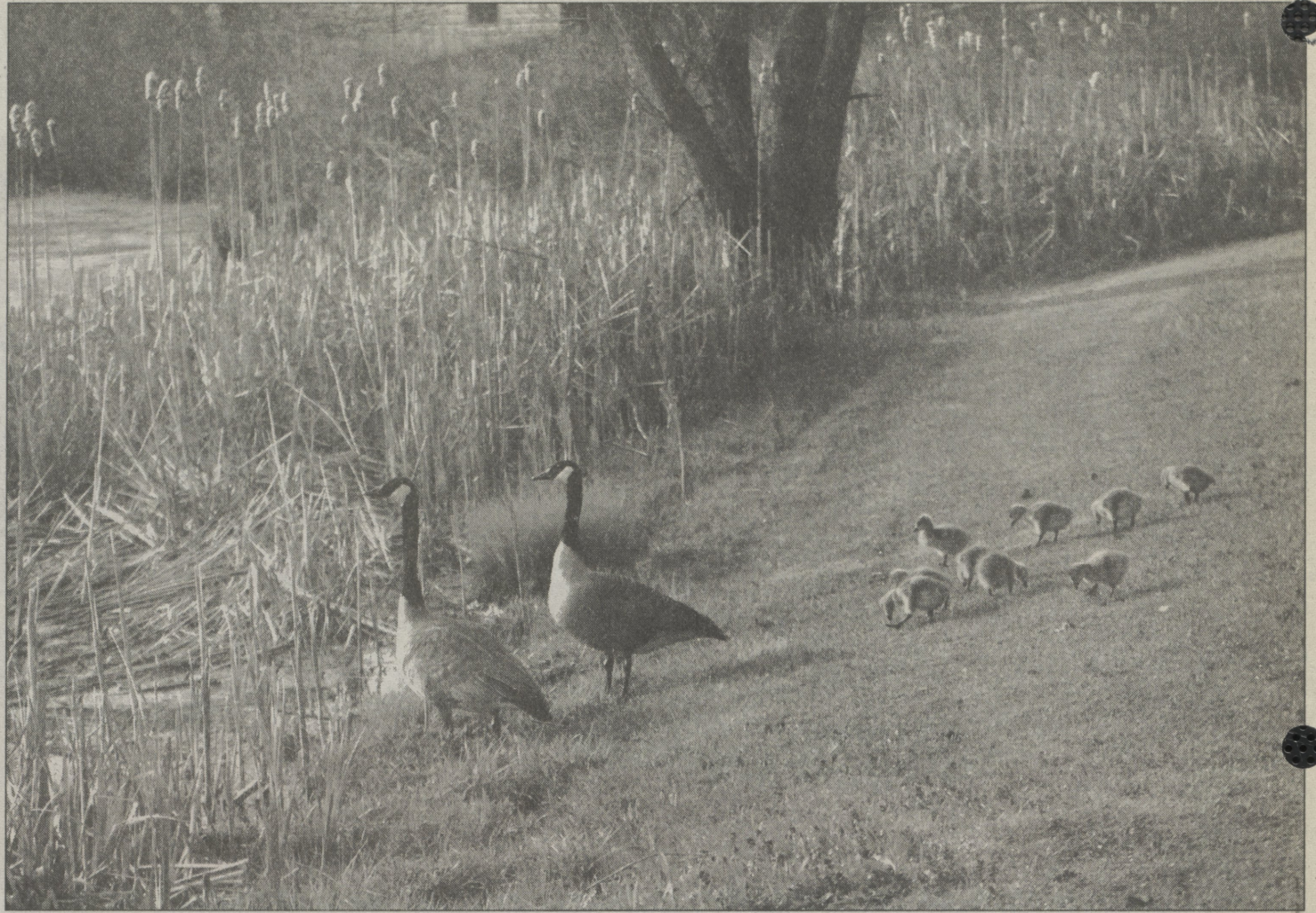
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A new brood, ready to test the waters. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LIBRARY NEWS

Red Cross baby sitter training Friday

A second American Red Cross class for baby sitters has been scheduled for Friday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. It is an intensive course and a real opportunity for 12- to 18-year-olds to learn how to be responsible baby sitters. The Red Cross fee of \$40 includes a handbook and an opportunity to practice with mannequins. Call the library at 675-1182 to sign up right away.



CAROL KING

The auction committee is looking for middle school and high school student volunteers who need to perform community service to help set up for the auction on Monday, July 5, and Tuesday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They can work for two hours, four hours or the entire day. The library will provide refreshments. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Sign up at the library. Bring a friend!

Last month we mentioned in this column a program for Young Adults, 14 to 18, which involves reading books in either the

YA or the adult sections, then writing reviews and having them posted on the bulletin board. Target has offered a \$50 gift certificate for the young adult who reads and reviews the greatest number of books. Pepsi of Wilkes-Barre will award prizes to runners-up. The program began on June 1 and will continue through August 5. Stop by the library and start reading and reviewing...

There are still some vacancies in the summer story hour groups, which start June 21 and continue until the first week in August. They will not meet in the week starting on July 5. Call the library to register your toddler or 3- to 5-year-old.

The next item will probably seem misplaced — after all, it's only June. But time passes quickly, and Board member Nadine Young is already planning the Haunted Library for Halloween and needs beanbag chairs and old wagon wheels. Please think "library" if you have either, and bring them to the library at any time. (Please mark them for the Haunted Library.) Thanks!

Martha Butler, library director, reported in May that the library received the 2004

"We the People Bookshelf" from the National Endowment for the Humanities, one of only 1,000 libraries in the country to do so. The Bookshelf includes 15 hardcover books with the theme of Courage. They are geared to help young people learn more about American history and important ideas in American culture.

Mrs. Rudolph and Mrs. Bauman entertained groups of children at the Building Blocks Care Center and the Little People Day Care Center. Other May activities included visits to the library by 32 youngsters from the Lehman-Jackson Head Start, and 47 children and 15 adults from the Lake-Noxen kindergarten.

Some statistics from the May report are: total circulation, 6,477; books added, 173; new borrowers, 74; and active borrowers, 16,595.

The library has hired a new student page: Katelyn Fritzes, who will be a junior at Dallas High School next Fall.

The new display in the library is for all ages. Pat Miles has loaned about 20 Shirley Temple dolls from her collection. Some are vintage ones and others are modern collectibles.

John Bruce VanHorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanHorn, Lake Street, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army following a commencement exercise on Sunday from the University of Scranton.

70 Years Ago
June 15, 1934

MAN AND STEPDAUGHTER GRADUATE IN SAME CLASS

John L. Sullivan and his stepdaughter, Ethel T. Pettebone, both of Dallas, were graduated from Wilkes-Barre Extension School of Accounts and Finance of University of Pennsylvania this week at Wilkes-Barre.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The Rev. Fred M. Sellers, pastor of the Shavertown M.E. Church, delivered the principal address at the annual dinner of the Kingston Township Alumni Association held last Friday night at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Jay Harris, widely known locally for his experience as a restaurateur, has assumed management of the Dallas Inn on Huntsville Road, formerly the Wallo Inn, and has announced a formal opening for Saturday night. Sandwiches, dinner, seafood and beer will be available.

60 Years Ago
June 16, 1944

48 MORE LOCAL BOYS CALLED BY DRAFT BOARD

Forty-eight men from Draft Board No. 1 at Wyoming took their pre-induction tests on Monday. Among them were Elmer L. Honeywell and John Nash, of Shavertown; Warren Brown, Clinton Brobst, Michael Kozich, Edward Hopa and Kenneth Covert of Dallas.

Warren R. Seiple, who conducted Trucksville Mill a number of years ago, and James S. Wilson, well-known in this vicinity, are opening their new one-stop farm service store at 35 Broad St., Pittston on Friday night. The new store marks another step for the firm formerly known as Pittston Flour and Feed Company.

Mrs. John Nicholson entertained members of her bridge club at her home on Demunds Road Monday evening. Present

were Mrs. Paul Warriner, Mrs. Reese Finn, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mrs. M.J. Brown, Mrs. Floyd Chamberlain, Mrs. J.H. Hauck, Mrs. J.M. Corliss and the hostess.

50 Years Ago
June 11, 1954

MR. and MRS. ROBERT LAUX HOLD ANNIVERSARY BUFFET

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laux, Middleland Drive, entertained friends Tuesday evening at a buffet marking their anniversary. Guests included Rev. Francis Kane, Rev. Richard Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Evans and Mr. and Mrs. George Ward.

Elaine Wagner was elected president and Carol Mitchell, vice president, at the organization meeting of Huntsville Christian Church Intermediates, held at the home of the teacher, Mrs. C.H. Frick, last Thursday. It was agreed to call the organization the "Intermediate Crusaders" and to meet the first Friday of the month.

Richard Ide, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ide of Huntsville, was awarded several prizes at the 61st commencement exercises held at Mercersburg Academy last week. Among the awards were the John Walcott Waldron prize in debating, the second Buchanan prize and \$50 for the best essay written on "The Sermon on the Mount."

40 Years Ago
June 11, 1964

SWEET VALLY EXPLORER POST 444 WINS AWARDS

At a recent weekend camporee held at Rumage's Grove, Explorer Post 444, Sweet Valley, was awarded the only trophy given for the best constructed gateway. The advisor of the post is Howard L. Post, with assistants, Bill Ferrey and Bob Gross.

Margaret and Johnnie Evenson, who will leave for Florida this weekend, were feted at a farewell party recently at the Dallas Legion when 75 classmates gathered to honor their departing friends. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Evenson, Davis Street, Trucksville, attend Dallas schools.

30 YEARS AGO
June 13, 1974

COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES COMPLETE SPECIAL COURSE

Two Commonwealth Telephone Co. employees, Ronald Davis, Hunlock Creek and Joseph Farnham, Dalton, recently completed a special study course of the function, operations, testing and maintenance of dial PBX automatic telephone exchanges.

Confirmation was celebrated in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, June 2, Pentecost Sunday. Among those confirmed were Kathleen Coyle, Donna Richardson, Kurt Pyle and Carolyn Vail. Holy communion was celebrated June 9 at both services of worship at St. Paul's.

Diane Tabbitt, Trucksville, will be among 13 young area women participating in the first annual gymnastic exhibition sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre YWCA. Tabbitt, 15, will demonstrate difficult exercises on the uneven parallel bars, balance beam and floor exercises.

20 YEARS AGO
June 13, 1984

DALLAS REC CENTER OPENS

The Dallas Recreation Center opened for the 1984 summer season on June 11. The staff includes Marisa Bolinski, Chris Dombek, Amy O'Donnell and Sheri Ciccarelli, under the direction of Jay Pope.

Nine boys of Pack 232, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, recently became Boy Scouts at graduating ceremonies. Among them were Walter Fry, Christopher Kuhar, Mike Malak, Sam Wilkes and Greg Stahovec.

Airman John T. Kelley, son of John P. and Mary N. Kelley of Trucksville, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force Basic Training.