

OUR OPINION

Organizations help open our eyes to the world

In this momentous election year, and at a time when events around the globe have a great effect on prosperity and security in the United States, it is critically important that Americans develop a greater understanding of the wider world and its diversity in people, language, government and economics. Three institutions in the Back Mountain are working to help us do that.

In the Dallas School District, Candyce Fyke has spearheaded the creation of the Elementary Foreign Language Academy, which this year will bring in native speakers of 11 languages

Expanding our horizons

Diversity for Economic Growth and Development in the Back Mountain Back Mountain Business and Professional Association

Thursday, Sept. 9, 12 noon
College Misericordia Library, McGowan Room, 2nd Floor

Speaker: Dr. Linda Trompetter, Ex. Director of the Diversity Institute at College Misericordia
Call reservation to 675-9380 by Tuesday, Sept. 7. There is an \$8 charge for lunch

Interdependence Day

Monday, Sept. 13, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a lecture and celebration in the Kennedy Lounge of the Banks Student Center on the College Misericordia campus. Free.

Elementary Foreign Language Academy

Beginning Sept. 20 in Dallas schools.

Classes in 11 languages for children and adults, twice weekly for eight weeks. Call 639-1083 or 674-7208 for more information

people who grow up here gain a sense of their heritage and ancestry that eludes those who live in places where the pace of change is quicker and more insistent. But there is a flip side to that consistency, in that many of us feel no need to become acquainted with people and ideas that seem "foreign" and threatening.

That reliance on the familiar has a cost. As anyone who spends time in larger cities knows, diversity brings vitality and stimulation in both social and economic terms. Besides that, it is simple human decency to accept and express interest in our neighbors — whether next door or across the sea — as we share communities and a world that are becoming more closely linked by the day.

We encourage citizens of the Back Mountain to embrace these opportunities to learn more about people and cultures that appear so different at first glance, but with whom we really have a lot in common. Each of our lives will be richer for the effort.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Sept. 10, 1897, even without Breathalyzers and line tests, George Smith's swerving was enough to alarm British police and make him the first person ever arrested for drunken driving.

• On Sept. 11, 1930, Katherine Anne Porter's first collection of short stories, "Flowering Judas," is published. During her lifetime, she published only 25 stories and one novel, "Ship of Fools," which took her more than two decades to complete.

• On Sept. 9, 1942, a floatplane launched from a Japanese submarine drops incendiary bombs on an Oregon state forest — the first and only attack on the U.S. mainland during World War II.

• On Sept. 12, 1953, six months after the death of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev succeeds him with his election as first secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Khrushchev would rule until 1964, when Leonid Brezhnev, his protegee and deputy, organized a successful coup against him.

• On Sept. 8, 1966, "Star Trek" premieres as the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise takes off on their mission to "boldly go where no man has gone before." Although "Star Trek" ran for only three years and never placed higher than No. 52 in the ratings, Gene Roddenberry's series became a cult classic and spawned four TV series and nine movies.

• On Sept. 6, 1972, during the Summer Olympics in Munich, an attempt by West German police to rescue nine Israeli Olympic team members held hostage by Palestinian terrorists ends when all nine Israeli hostages are killed, along with five terrorists and one German policeman, in an extended firefight.

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If only Vincent was around to paint them. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

Back Mountain Food Pantry needs donations

Many months have gone by since the postal workers and Boy Scouts had food drives to collect nonperishable food items to restock the shelves at the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

A recent inventory revealed

that the following items are in short supply: juice, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, cereal, canned beets and carrots, spaghetti sauce, sugar, flour, canned white and sweet potatoes and cake mixes.

Individuals, churches and civic or service organizations are encouraged to call the volunteers at the food pantry at 696-2917 to arrange a mutually convenient time to deliver any donations they are able to collect, or food may be dropped

off on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon.

The food pantry is located in the Dickson Educational Facility at the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

70 Years Ago
Sept. 7, 1934

DALLAS TOWNSHIP ADDS NEW TEACHER

Five hundred children registered for the first day of school at Dallas Township on Tuesday, establishing a new record for the number of students in that district. Because of the unusual number of students in the

ONLY YESTERDAY

fourth grade, school directors, at a meeting on Tuesday night, elected Miss Mary Leona Smith of Kunkle as a teacher. All directors attended the meeting of the board.

Frost was frequent in this section during the last week but farmers report that no material damage to crops resulted. In some sections, temperatures were below normal and records for August were broken. Warmer weather has prevailed during the past few days.

First National Bank of Dallas this week received from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at Washington the official signs which will hang at all receiving windows as visible evidence that the depositors of this institution are insured. The First National is one of more than 14,000 licensed banks in the country which are receiving these signs.

60 Years Ago
Sept. 8, 1944

HUNDREDS ATTEND TREE DEDICATION

Attracting a crowd of between 700 and 800 persons including parents of service men, educators, and representatives of other communities where similar memorials are being planned, Lehman Township dedicated its Memorial Trees Monday with impressive services on the high school grounds.

The Rotary Club of Dallas on Sept. 14 will welcome Charles V. Adams, Governor of the 177th District of Rotary International, which includes 62 Rotary Clubs in Central and Northern Pennsylvania. Adams will visit the Rotary Club and

advise and assist President Paul Warriner, Secretary Harold Payne and other officers on matters pertaining to club administration and Rotary service activities.

Mrs. Harvey Bottoms of Sly Street, Luzerne, formerly of Idetown and Dallas, received word that her husband, Harvey Bottoms, S. 2/C, has arrived safely on a South Pacific Island. Before entering the service, Mr. Bottoms was employed at Shaver's Service Station in Idetown. The Bottoms have two children, Mary Louise and Jane Marie.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 3, 1954

BOYS BREACH DAM AT MISERICORDIA POND

Two boys with shovels attacked the dam which forms the small pond on Lake Street Tuesday evening and let out all the water, leaving a green scum on muddy banks and an unsightly mudhole instead of a sheet of shining water. This happened while Mr. and Mrs. John Girvan, whose property adjoins, were away for a few hours in Freeland. All morning on Tuesday, Mr. Girvan and six teenage boys had labored to clear debris from the bottom of the pond and repair the dam.

Police of five states, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Ohio are working on the disappearance of Caroline Davis from her home in Trucksville. She was last seen boarding a bus for Wilkes-Barre early Sunday morning, Aug. 15. Her family believes that the 14-year old girl has found herself a job as she is tall enough and mature enough in looks to pass for several years older. Up to date, no trace of her whereabouts has been discovered and she has not been in contact with any of her widely scattered relatives.

Dallas Township Women's Civic Club is planning a country party at the Arthur Newman home near New Goss Manor tomorrow at 7. A corn and wienie roast is planned. There will be amusement for the children and a bake sale, to which donations are solicited. Members of the Dallas Ambulance Association and their families are invited, so that township residents may become acquainted with other subscribers and patrons of the

association.

40 Years Ago
Sept. 3, 1964

PLAY WITH RATTLER THOUGHT HARMLESS

Bobby Lee, 12, and Tommy Shilanski, 14, can tell their grandchildren they played with a timber rattlesnake virtually in their back yard and came out of it unbiten. The snake's patience exhausted when the boys gave him the old heave-ho. The snake had only one rattle, and that's why the boys at first figured him for a garden type snake when they found him lying in Mrs. Helen Crane's back yard at Outlet, Harveys Lake, Tuesday. The boys gave a tug to the rattler's tail and made the discovery that ended the friendship. Bobby hit the 18 inch snake with a rock and together the boys finished him off with other rocks.

The front of Rev. M. Richard Bevan's 1964 model car was damaged, when a deer jumped in front of him last Tuesday. It has been falsely reported that Rev. Bevan had collided with a motorcycle. Mr. Bevan is pastor of Huntsville Christian Church.

Thomas Myers, Elmcrest Drive by quick thinking and prompt action, prevented a catastrophe early Monday afternoon. Alone at home, the 15-year old boy felt the house rumble and ran to the basement to check the cause. Flames were shooting out of the oil furnace and Tom dashed upstairs for the fire extinguisher and put out the flames. He then called his dad, Warren Myers in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Myers advised his son to put in a request for the Dallas Fire Co.

30 Years Ago
Sept. 5, 1974

DALLAS NATIVE TO APPEAR ON TV SHOW

Bernadine Wisnewski, formerly of Dallas, will appear on the Art Fleming Double Jeopardy Show from New York Sept. 11. Miss Wisnewski is the daughter of Blanche Wisnewski and her late husband, Leo, Fern Brook, Dallas. The show will be aired on WBRE TV, Channel 28 at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 11.

A public meeting on the proposed zoning ordinance for

Harveys Lake was held last Wednesday, some more changes are in the offing and despite some residents' appeal for more consideration of the ordinance, council will probably vote on it at their next meeting Sept. 5. Most of the people in attendance were concerned with their own individual property and the way it was zoned on the proposed map.

The symphonic concert sound of the Lake-Lehman High School Band, under the direction of John Miliauskas, will be presented over Radio Station WNAK, Nanticoke, Sept. 5. The program will be offered to listeners of 730 on the radio dial from 6:05 until 7 p.m.

20 Years Ago
Sept. 5, 1984

PROF. BALLA CITED FOR TEACHING AT PENN STATE

For his 25 years of dedicated teaching service to Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Robert G. Balla, associate professor of engineering at the local campus in Lehman was presented with a Penn State chair. Professor Balla began his teaching career at Penn State in September of 1958 when the campus was located in the Guthrie School on North Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre. He was the first instructor in the Commonwealth System to teach computer science to engineering students.

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce moved a step closer to being fully accredited, John F. Sheehan Jr., executive director, announced recently. Steve Woolley, director of the Northeast Region of the U.S. Chamber and Kathleen Fish, public affairs manager, spent a full day in Wilkes-Barre.

College Misericordia took another step forward in its growth as a coeducational institution with the appointment of Albert Clocker as its first full-time athletic director. Dr. Joseph R. Fink, college president, announced Clocker's appointment Wednesday, Aug. 29, and also explained that the school's new grant-in-aid program will enable Misericordia to develop a competitive athletic program.

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