

OUR OPINION

'Second annual' festival has a nice ring to it

The designation "first annual" for an event sends shivers up an editor's spine. Positive thinking is admirable, but it's presumptuous to assume a level of achievement that hasn't yet to be realized. Now "second annual," that has some meaning, and we're pleased to attach that label to the Dallas Harvest Festival, which takes place next weekend. Not only was last year's first festival a resounding success, it created so much interest that a "Dallas Days" has been built around it to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Dallas Borough. Those activities will take place Friday and Saturday, with the festival returning even stronger than last year on Sunday.

Visitors will have a choice between events at the library and around Main Street in Dallas Borough beginning with "Wordhorde" on Friday night. Saturday will feature a children's festival at College Misericordia, a mini-auction of items left from July's library auction and a homecoming dance at Irem Temple Country Club. On Sunday, the festival will fill the center of town with exhibitors, food and entertainment — including the Kiss the Pig contest — while walking tours of historic streetscapes and the planned Toby's Creek Greenway will provide an opportunity for exercise and enlightenment.

Last year's one-day festival attracted an unexpectedly huge crowd. That was a clear signal that people who live in the Back Mountain are hungry for reasons to get together and share the joy of small-town living. This year's event is much larger and more varied, but it will have the same hometown feeling as it showcases the varied qualities that make our region an attractive place to live and work.

You won't want to miss it. Whether you take part in all of the activities or just one, you're sure to meet old friends and new neighbors who are eager to reinforce the values that make this such a desirable place to call home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Sept. 13, 1916, children's author Roald Dahl is born in South Wales. Dahl wrote his first book, "The Gremlins," for Walt Disney in 1943, and later penned the best-selling "James and the Giant Peach." Dahl also wrote the screenplays for "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and a James Bond film, "You Only Live Twice."

- On Sept. 17, 1934, 18-year-old actress Olivia de Havilland makes her stage debut in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Hollywood Bowl. De Havilland, who would go on to win several Oscars, is best remembered for her role as Melanie in "Gone With the Wind."

- On Sept. 15, 1940, the Battle of Britain reaches its climax when the Royal Air Force downs 56 invading German aircraft in two dogfights lasting less than an hour. The costly raid convinced the German high command that the Luftwaffe could not achieve air supremacy over Britain.

- On Sept. 19, 1959, during a visit to Los Angeles, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns that he cannot visit Disneyland. Government authorities feared that the crowds would pose a safety hazard for the premier.

- On Sept. 18, 1970, famed guitarist Jimi Hendrix dies at the age of 28, following a drug overdose in London.

- On Sept. 14, 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized by Pope Paul VI at the Vatican in Rome, becoming the first American-born Catholic saint. Seton founded the United States' first religious order in 1809, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, which provided free education to poor children.

- On Sept. 16, 1997, in the Information Age's version of the return of the prodigal son, Apple Computer enlists founder and former CEO Steve Jobs to temporarily run the company during a search for a permanent leader. Jobs had parted ways with Apple a decade earlier under bitter circumstances.

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Ears lookin' at you, kid. Check him out today at the Luzerne County Fair. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mini-auction, 'Wordhorde' for festival weekend

As a kickoff to the Dallas Days festival this weekend, "Wordhorde," a forum for the arts staged by the Friends of the Library takes place Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Ninth-graders through adults are invited to give an open-microphone performance in poetry, music, or theater.



CAROL KING

There will be a sign-up sheet at the library desk starting tomorrow, September 13.

The library will also sponsor a mini-auction during the festival, starting at 1 p.m.

It will be held in the Dallas Borough maintenance garage, behind the borough offices.

Registration is open for the fall story hours, which start Tuesday, Sept. 21 and continue until the week of December 1. Call the library at 675-1182, or drop by the children's room to register your children.

Another baby-sitters class will be held in the Community Room by the American Red Cross on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each participant will receive a handbook. Registration and a check made out to the American Red Cross in the amount of \$40 must be received at the

library desk no later than Friday, Oct. 1.

The Farmers Market on the library grounds will continue through Saturday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Times Leader and Tudor Book Shop's Community Book Club will present Katherine Weber, author of "The Little Women," on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Stettler Learning Resources Center, Wyoming Seminary. The session is free and open to the public.

Lucy Reilly, age 8, has her collection of keychains on display at the library during the month of September.

70 Years Ago
Sept. 14, 1934

JOY RIDE ENDS WITH ACCIDENT

Bernard Oberst, aged 23, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$27.50 when he appeared before Justice of the Peace



ONLY YESTERDAY

Hodge of Troop D. investigated. Two persons were injured, one seriously and a third escaped with minor bruises when their joy-ride to Harveys Lake came to an abrupt stop in a head-on collision with another machine Monday night at 10 in front of Hill's Hothouse in Trucksville.

The Atlantic Refining Company is contemplating construction of a large gasoline service station on the Oliver Used Car lot at the intersection of Lake street and Church street. Civil engineers were here last week running the lines preparing ground plans for the installation of storage tanks and other equipment.

Dr. J. C. Fleming is recovering at his home from injuries received Aug. 29 in an automobile accident at Philadelphia, after enjoying a 10-day vacation by motor. Dr. and Mrs. Fleming had their automobile forced off the road on the main highway near Germantown. At the Memorial Hospital, it was found that the doctor had sustained a fracture of one of the bones of his right forearm and two cracked ribs. Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Levering were suffering from bruises and shock. Robert Fleming was the only one uninjured.

60 Years Ago
Sept. 15, 1944

TWO CADETS FINISH PRIMARY TRAINING

Two Back Mountain boys have now completed their primary flight training in elementary and acrobatic flying at the Lodwick Aviation Military Academy, Avon Park, Fla. They

are Aviation Cadet Harry C. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton on Lehman and Aviation Cadet Walter S. Puterbaugh Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Puterbaugh Jr., of Alderson RFD1. Both cadets have now been transferred to a basic school for training in the more powerful basic trainers.

Joseph MacVeigh, president of the Dallas Borough Council, will serve as chairman for the October War Fund campaign for USO, War Prisoners Aid, United Seamen's Service and 19 war related agencies, Ralph E. Weeks, state campaign chairman, has announced.

Governor John W. Bricker, Ohio Vice-Presidential nominee, will speak at 109th Armory, Kingston, next Wednesday at 8. Doors will be opened at 6 and there will be no reserved seats. Governor Edward Martin will introduce Governor Bricker.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 10, 1954

BMT YWCA TO START MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The YWCA Membership Committee for the Back Mountain area held its first meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Boyd R. Dodson, general chairman. The drive starts Monday with a kick-off dinner at the YWCA. Last year, the Back Mountain area turned in the greatest number of new members.

For the second time within a year, burglars on Tuesday night entered the P.E. Reithoffer home on Luzerne Avenue. Police investigation revealed that the robbers entered the home by breaking a window in a front door and then releasing the latch. There was no evidence that anything was taken. The house has been vacant most of the summer. The Reithoffers were last home on July 28.

General clean-up day at Huntsville Cemetery tomorrow will need all able-bodied men of the association with tools and rotary lawn mowers. Women of the association will furnish lunch. Newly elected officers are Raymond Price, president; Gerald Frantz, secre-

tary; Edna Ray, treasurer.

40 Years Ago
Sept. 10, 1964

FOREIGN CAR FLIPS AT INFAMOUS CURVE

A small Czechoslovakian-made Skoda sedan rolled over twice at the right angle turn on upper Demunds Road by Miller's Gas Station around 8:30 Sunday night, but four occupants were not injured. Dallas ambulance responded but was not needed and Dallas Fire Co. watered down the road.

Thomas Cross, Woodlawn Drive, Dallas, suffered severe injuries of the thigh when he slipped on a pile of logs Tuesday afternoon and fell to the ground. Mr. Cross was working at Reynolds Farm, where logging is being done under the supervision of Ted Wilson when the accident occurred.

Rep. Fred J. Shupnik, whose Sixth Legislative District includes a large part of the Back Mountain region is in Harrisburg attending a meeting of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force on State Universities. A candidate for re-election in the newly-created areas of the Fifth Legislative District which includes Kingston Township, Jackson Township and Exeter Township, he was selected for a role with the State Universities study group which will plan legislation to establish two new State universities in the East and West sections of the Commonwealth.

30 Years Ago
Sept. 12, 1974

LAKE TOWNSHIP MULLS BUILDING

Lake Township supervisors have scheduled a public meeting Sept. 17 to discuss ideas for a township building. The meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Loyallville United Methodist Church. At their monthly meeting last Saturday, the supervisors said they hoped to gather constructive ideas from residents as to what type of building should be planned and the best way to finance it.

A schedule of five introductory lectures of Transcendental Meditation for the fall months in the Back Mountain area has

been announced. The lectures had been previously held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, but due to the need for larger facilities, they will be given at the Dallas Senior High School.

William F. Grout, 209 Phillips St., Nanticoke, has been appointed supervisor of training and methods for Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. Ron Espe, vice president, operations, in making the announcement said Mr. Grout will be in charge of all phases of employee training in gas and water construction, customer service and safety. Grout is married to the former Ann Chorney. The couple has two children, JoAnn, 19, and William, 16.

20 Years Ago
Sept. 12, 1984

WYCALLIS NAMED DALLAS SUPER

Gerald Wycallis has been approved by the Dallas School Board as the new Superintendent of Schools of the Dallas School District. Wycallis, whose contract will begin on July 1, 1985 and will span a four-year term, was elected to the position by a 5-4 at the school board's regular monthly meeting Monday evening.

Belinda Yanchick, a member of the environmental service staff at College Misericordia in Dallas, was recently named recipient of Custom Environmental Services' Accounting Proficiency Award at the 1984 CES Divisional Conference held at Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Yanchick and her husband, Craig, reside in Dallas.

All the world will be watching and all the Back Mountain will have its fingers crossed as our very own Gina Major competes against 50 other contestants for the Miss America 1985 title. Gina, whose family lives in Huntsville, is representing the state of Pennsylvania, having been crowned Miss Pennsylvania on June 16 at the Joffa Mosque in Altoona, Pa. The staff of the Dallas Post, as well as the entire Back Mountain community, extends the best luck to Gina Major as she vies for the title of a lifetime — that of Miss America 1985!

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