

OUR OPINION

Go with the flow, help water company improve service

Say you, like so many families in the Back Mountain, have lousy water. Not enough pressure, too much "stuff" floating around and too-frequent outages to repair leaking pipes. Now, say the water company comes up with a solution, one that solves those problems and provides enough pressure to make fire hydrants more than lawn decorations, which may lower what you pay for insurance. But there's a catch; to get those benefits, the company must build a 150-foot tower in your neighborhood that bears a striking resemblance to a giant golf ball sitting on a tee.

That's the position folks in the Midway Manor subdivision have been put in. Aqua Pennsylvania, which acquired the water company that serves their development and several others nearby, has a plan that would create a network between the individual services, with the promise of better, more reliable service and cleaner water. One key component would be construction of the tower, which is necessary to provide adequate water pressure to flush contamination from lines and to feed hydrants. The easiest and most-efficient spot on which to put a tower is at the corner of Howell Road and Manor Drive, where it would stick out like a sore thumb.

Fortunately, Aqua Pennsylvania is not like National Utilities, the former company, and seems willing to look for an alternate location that serves its purposes but doesn't mar the landscape — at least not as much. So it's important that residents and town officials respond to an Aqua Pennsylvania official's plea for help in finding a better site. If you have an idea for one, call the Kingston Township office at 696-3089 and let them know about it. Then be sure to attend the public hearings that will be scheduled once a final plan is presented.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Sept. 22, 1776, in New York City, Nathan Hale, a Connecticut schoolteacher and captain in the Continental Army, is executed by the British for spying. Before being hanged, legend holds that Hale said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

• On Sept. 21, 1938, without warning, a powerful Category 3 hurricane slams into Long Island and southern New England, causing 600 deaths and devastating coastal cities and towns. Also called the Long Island Express, the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 was the most destructive storm to strike the region in the 20th century.

• On Sept. 25, 1957, under escort from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, nine black students enter all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. Three weeks earlier, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus had surrounded the school with National Guard troops to prevent its federal court-ordered racial integration.

• On Sept. 23, 1964, the Paris Opera unveils a stunning new ceiling painted as a gift by Belorussian-born artist Marc Chagall, who spent much of his life in France.

• On Sept. 20, 1979, after being fired from the Ford presidency, Lee Iacocca is elected chairman of the failing Chrysler Corp. Despite dire predictions from his critics, Iacocca succeeded in rebuilding Chrysler through layoffs, cutbacks, hard-selling advertising and a government loan guarantee.

• On Sept. 26, 1982, the first episode airs of the TV show "Knight Rider," starring David Hasselhoff as private eye Michael Knight. However, the real star of the show was "KITT," his talking Pontiac Firebird.

• On Sept. 24, 1996, best-selling author Stephen King releases two new novels at once. The first, "Desperation," was released under King's name, while the second, "The Regulators," was published under his pseudonym, Richard Bachman.

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Willow weeds made an artistic statement. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

New books added to collection at Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to the collection:

FICTION

"Dark Justice" by Jack Higgins
"The Things We Do for Love" by Kristin Hannah
"Day of the Dead" by Judith A. Jance
"In the Hope of Rising Again" by Helen Scully
"The Last Pope" by David Osborn
"Q" by Luther Blissett

"Shoot the Moon" by Billie Letts
"The Dew Breaker" by Edwidge Danticat
"The Watchmen" by John Altman
"Seduced by Moonlight" by Laurell K. Hamilton
"Lost Souls" by Michael Collins
"Under the Boardwalk" by Carly Phillips
"Society" by Michael Palmer
"The Summer Guest" by Justin Cronin
"Hide Yourself Away" by Mary Jane Behrends Clark

NONFICTION

Chris Carmichael's Food for Fitness" by Chris Carmichael
"Eyewitness Travel Guides: USA"
"The Consumer Handbook on Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids"
"SCIENCE FICTION
"Acorna's Triumph" by Anne McCaffrey
"REFERENCE
"U.S. Election System" edited by Paul McCaffrey
"Book Review Digest 2003"
"LARGE PRINT FICTION
"The Shifting Tide" by Anne

Perry
"Late Bloomer" by Melissa Pritchard
"Best Enemies" by Jane Heller
"Whisker of Evil" by Rita Mae Brown
"BOOKS ON CD
"Midnight Runner" by Jack Higgins
"The Bourne Legacy" by Robert Ludlum
"AUDIOTAPES
"R is for Ricochet" by Susan Grafton
"The Queen of the South" by Arturo Perez-Reverte

70 Years Ago
Sept. 21, 1934

WOMAN PASTOR TO SUCCEED FAULKNER

Rev. H.M. Faulkner, pastor of the Dallas M.E. Church, and who was transferred to a larger charge at Baltimore, will be succeeded here by one of the few ordained women preachers, the Rev. Mrs. G.B. Ross, who has had a parish at Allentown for the past four years. Rev. Mrs. Ross is the widow of a Free Methodist clergyman and she accepted his profession upon his death.



ONLY YESTERDAY

Tunkhannock played host to great throngs of visitors on Wednesday and yesterday and will entertain another big crowd today for the last events on the three-day program of the Wyoming County Fair. The colorful midway, the splendid exhibits of fruit and live stock and the amazingly fine vaudeville acts are making the fair one of the finest ever held. Tonight the program will include an act by the famous Carlos Circus and Miami Greyhounds.

One of the first safety patrols to be established in this section will be organized by Wyoming Valley Motor Club in Kingston Township within a week, Norman Johnstone, secretary of the club, announced this week. The patrols have been organized already in Plains Township, Nanticoke and Rupert in Columbia County.

60 Years Ago
Sept. 22, 1944

SGT. THEODORE SCOUTEN AWARDED SILVER STAR

T/Sgt. Theodore Scouten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scouten of Noxen, has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action in France. He was inducted in June 1941 and received his training at camps in Virginia, Tennessee, California and Kansas. He left for overseas in April 1944.

Mrs. William Niemeyer of Davenport Street is chairman of the local committee in charge of collecting clothes for the liberated peoples of Europe. She strongly urges all Dallas residents, regardless of Creed, to go through their attics and closets and set aside and men's, women's or children's clothing that they are not using. Collection will start Sunday, Sept. 24, and continue all week. Boxes will be placed in the church, Titman's Store and Hislop's Market.

Men's Bible Class of Dallas Methodist Church, taught by Prof. Edgar Brace, held a dinner and corn roast at the Braces' outdoor fireplace on Lake Street last Monday evening. Peter D. Clark entertained with Scotch songs and Mrs. Harold Payne and Mrs. James Huston sang duets. Zelzah Garinger gave readings. A male quartet also sang, but names are omitted by request for fear of reprisals from residents of the neighborhood.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 17, 1954

CENTER ST. SIGNALS MAY GO AUTOMATIC

Efforts are being made by Kingston Township Supervisors to have the State Highway Department approve a change over to automatic traffic signals at Center Street, Shavertown. If the change over is approved, the signals will operate magnetically, the same as those at the Carverton Road intersection. The Department has run a check on the signals but has not yet granted its approval.

Kingston Township Street Department, under the supervision of Arthur Smith, superintendent, is engaged in widening Harris Hill Road nine feet. There is a considerable rock to be blown out, especially in the area near the Dykemen home, where school buses have had difficulty getting through. When completed, the road will be hard surfaced.

Back Mountain Auxiliary of Wyoming Valley Hospital met to organize and elect officers Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Frances Dorrance, Church Street, Dallas. Miss Dorrance will serve as president; Mrs. Charles Shenkle,

Trucksville, vice president; Mrs. Warren Daubert, Shavertown, secretary-treasurer. The auxiliary is planned to give general assistance and support.

40 Years Ago
Sept. 17, 1964

GROUND-BREAKING SATURDAY FOR O.E.S.

Ground-breaking for the projected building on Foster Street for Dallas Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 1. Myrtle Rineman, who donated the two lots on which the one-story hall will rise, will turn the first shovelful of earth. Mrs. Bethia King, Worthy Matron, will emcee the program.

Suspicion of a fire-bug in Sweet Valley kept residents on edge all day Sunday, and volunteer firemen on the hop. Before daylight, a brush fire was extinguished behind the Gosart Courtyard. At 7:45, firemen were called again, when a passing motorist saw flames shooting from under the porch at George Bronson's on Main Road. Mr. and Mrs. Bronson were away from home. The house was empty.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Paul Charlton Heslop and daughter, Sherry Lee, have been transferred to Offet Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb., from Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas. They left Texas on Sept. 15 for the new assignment. Staff Sergeant Heslop is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Heslop, Santa Maria, Calif., former residents of School Street, Shavertown.

30 Years Ago
Sept. 19, 1974

CEREMONY HELD AT WYOMING SEMINARY LEARNING CENTER

Following a brief convocation program opening the 1974-75 academic year at Wyoming Seminary, ground was broken Sept. 12 for a Learning Resources Center on the Kingston Campus. A ceremony was also held at Nelson Memorial Tower, which had been spared from the recently razed Nelson Memorial Hall.

Dedication of the new Luzerne County Community College campus at Nanticoke

has been scheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 2. In making the announcement, Dr. Byron L. Rinehimer Jr., president, dedication ceremony will be open to the general public. Following the ceremony and continuing through 5 p.m. an open house atmosphere will prevail, during which citizens of the county will have an opportunity to inspect all parts of the new facility.

Kingston Township Chief Police Paul Sabol warns residents that anyone found defacing or damaging street signs in the township will be fined \$50. New signs have been purchased and were erected by the Road Department throughout the township during the last few months. There has been some evidence of defacing and this will not be tolerated by the township officials.

20 Years Ago
Sept. 19, 1984

LEHMAN BAND BEST IN PARADE

The award winning Lake-Lehman Band, under the direction of John Miliuskas, copped yet another honor as it was awarded first place in the 1984 Miss America Parade on the boardwalk in Atlantic City last Tuesday. In the parade, the band preceded Miss Gina Major, Miss Pennsylvania 1984, who is a former member of the Black Knights Marching Band.

College Misericordia, founded by the Religious Sisters of Mercy in 1924, will celebrate its 60th anniversary, beginning with a parade on Friday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. The parade units, featuring floats, bands and local dignitaries, will assemble at the Weis Food Mart in Dallas and continue along Lake Street to the college, where there will be refreshments, entertainment and a gigantic fireworks display at 8:30 p.m.

Beth Finn, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Finn of Dallas, will be defending her state 4-H title in Harrisburg on Oct. 4-6. She holds first place in the Pony Hunter Over Fences. She will also be competing in the Pony Hunter Under Saddle while in Harrisburg. Beth is a sophomore at Lake-Lehman High School, where she is a pitcher for the softball team.