

## OUR OPINION

# Keep summer fun .. and safe

Thankfully, the summer season has so far been uneventful in terms of preventable tragedies. Everyone holds their collective breath at graduation, fearing that youthful exuberance may outrun caution as high school and college graduates rightfully celebrate rites of passage. We're not out of the woods yet. Graduation parties take place throughout the summer, so we'd like to remind parents and teens that responsible behavior is more than an antiquated concept — it can save lives.

We can't just ignore underage drinking, nor would we condone it. But it is a fact of life, and it isn't unusual for well-meaning parents to allow their children and guests to indulge in forbidden fruit, so to speak. Whether or not that is a violation of the law is not as important as taking the next step — seeing to it that those who have had more than a safe level of alcohol are not allowed behind the wheel. That is usually less than in teenagers than adults, so pay close attention.

Both the law and common sense agree on this point; if someone at your gathering is impaired, don't let them drive. The transitory inconvenience of unexpected overnight guests will be far less trouble than a guilty conscience. The most responsible hosts commandeer all car keys at the beginning of a celebration. If you're dealing with teens, don't underestimate their ability to circumvent your precautions, and act accordingly.

Following hard upon graduation is the summer recreation season, which can be particularly dangerous on the water. Once again, excessive alcohol consumption is the usual culprit in accidental drownings or boating accidents. It is too easy to regard boating as less dangerous than driving a car on paved roads against oncoming traffic, but in truth boats pose at least as great a risk. That's partly because they lack the safety gear of automobiles, such as seat belts and air bags, and also because they can go as fast, but can't stop or swerve as quickly. And water, as we were taught in science class, is just as unforgiving a surface as asphalt.

We want summer to be the carefree season of song and myth. But let's all be realistic; there is no time when we can completely let down our guard against dangers both natural and manmade.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On June 27, 1844, Joseph Smith, the founder and leader of the Mormon religion, is murdered along with his brother Hyrum when an anti-Mormon mob breaks into a jail where they are being held in Carthage, Ill.

- On June 30, 1859, Jean-Francois Gravelet, a Frenchman known as "The Great Blondin," becomes the first daredevil to walk across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. He later did tightrope walks across the falls blindfolded, with his manager on his back, sitting down midway to cook an omelet, and pushing a wheelbarrow across while dressed as an ape.

- On July 2, 1881, just months into his administration, President James Garfield is shot and mortally wounded by a disgruntled office-seeker as he walks through a railroad waiting room in Washington, D.C. Garfield died 80 days later of blood poisoning.

- On July 3, 1957, Nikita Khrushchev takes control in the Soviet Union by orchestrating the ouster of key opponents from positions of authority in the Soviet government. Khrushchev's power began to wane after the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, and he was forced out in 1964.

- On June 28, 1975, television writer Rod Serling dies at age 50 after open-heart surgery. Born in Syracuse, N.Y., Serling became one of early television's most successful writers, and was best known for the anthology series "The Twilight Zone," which he created, wrote and hosted.

- On June 29, 1989, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passes sanctions against the People's Republic of China following the brutal massacre of protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. American indignation, however, was relatively short-lived, and most of the sanctions died out after a brief period.

- On July 1, 1995, legendary radio disc jockey Wolfman Jack, born Robert Smith, dies. The Brooklyn-born Smith became famous in the 1960s while broadcasting nightly from powerful radio stations in Mexico, which could be heard in many parts of the U.S.

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Sun and shade in Lehman. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

## LETTERS

## Thanks for support of art awards

The 10th annual "Adrienne's Garden" Art Awards presented on May 22 were a major success. Congratulations to all awardees for creating their magnificent works of art. It gives us great pleasure and joy to witness the excitement and pride of the award winners upon seeing their artwork displayed with an award ribbon. Surely, Adrienne's memory is kept alive by touching the lives of these children every year. Each year we feel her presence and joy as, from Above, she wit-

nesses the awards and joy of the children.

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to:

Mr. Robert Cooney of the Tyler Home Health for all of his able assistance and support; the art teachers (Judy Szychowski, Debra Donowski, Lance Montross, and Linda Hulslander) of Tunkhannock Area elementary and middle schools for collecting the artwork for us to judge; the staff of Tyler Memorial Hospital for all of their able assistance; The

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Art supplies comprise the prizes presented for the

"Adrienne's Garden" Art Awards. No cash prizes are ever awarded. Funding to purchase the prizes is derived solely from donations. If you would like to bring joy to a child, and encourage the growth and prosperity of our young artists, please consider making a donation to "Adrienne's Garden" Art Awards, c/o Tyler Health Foundation, 880 SR 6W, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

Jim, Lorraine and Jennifer Maillet

70 Years Ago  
June 28, 1935

### FOUR HEADED TO SERVICE IN PANAMA

Four Dallas young men left this week on the first leg of a trip which will take them to the Panama Canal Zone where they will join the United States Coast Artillery forces. They are Kenneth Westover, William Disque, Richard Templin and Paul LaBarr.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Mrs. J. Elmore Turrell entertained the nature committee of the Garden Club of Wyoming Valley at a picnic luncheon at her summer home at Noxen. Later, the guests visited the camp of the Children's Home at Stull. Among those attending were Mrs. Harry C. Miller, Miss Anna Dennison and Mrs. Lillian Geddes.

In an effort to stimulate support for the local baseball team, the Dallas nine in the Rural League has designated this Sunday as "Booster Day." Players enlisted so far are Robert Hislop, Thomas Reese, Addison Woolbert, Kenneth Oliver, William Griffith, Ty Carr, Ab Winters, Michael Stanley, Ted Wilson, Charles Malarky, George Schultz, Jimmy O'Boyle and Monroe Schultz.

60 Years Ago  
June 29, 1945

### B-29 BOMBER BUZZES DALLAS

Residents of Dallas and the Back Mountain Region were startled and thrilled Sunday afternoon when a giant B-29 circled Dallas twice at low altitude and then flew away serenely in the direction of New York City. Aboard the ship in the capacity

of electric aerial gunner was Sgt. Clyde Veitch Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Veitch, Cemetery Street, Dallas.

Adding emphasis to a need for higher teacher salaries in Dallas Borough Schools, resignation of three high school teacher were among a flood of resignations that greeted Dallas Borough School Board at its meeting last Friday night. Prof. T.A. Williammes, supervising principal for the past seven years, presented his resignation. He will become head of Falls-Overfield Vocational School in Wyoming County at a substantial increase in salary.

Two faithful executives of First National Bank of Dallas were advanced in rank in recognition of their loyal service to the institution. W.B. Jeter, cashier, was advanced to executive vice-president in full charge of the administration of the bank and clerical force; and Frederick J. Eck, assistant cashier, was advanced to cashier.

50 Years Ago  
June 24, 1955

### KEN WOOLBERT TWIRLS A NO-HITTER

The calibre of Little League Baseball in the Back Mountain League this year is the best yet. So far this season only two games have been played in which their (sic) was a margin of more than three runs. Kenneth Woolbert pitched the first no hit game for Westmoreland against Trucksville Wednesday night.

Harry Goeringer's gift of seven lots on Demunds Road for future construction of a recreation center building, was announced at Tuesday night's annual dinner of Dallas Township Womans Civic Club.

While tearing down the plank house at Huntsville recently purchased from Spring

Brook Water Company by Atty. William McLean, Willard Garey found a copy of The Dallas Post dated November 3, 1892. It was addressed to J.H. Pehman who formerly lived in the house which was more recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frantz.

40 Years Ago  
June 24, 1965

### FIRE CONSUMES BARN, LIVESTOCK SAVED

Firemen from Huntington Mills and Sweet Valley were able to save a small barn and livestock from disaster, but the main barn on the John Metcalf property, Harveyville-Broadway road was completely destroyed around 2, Tuesday afternoon, with damage at about \$15,000 to \$17,000. Consumed in the inferno, which was still smoking yesterday morning, were about 3000 bales of new hay, some 400 bales of straw, and all milking machinery.

Marilyn Eck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck, Shavertown and Nancy Elston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Elston, Shadyside, Kunkle, have been named to the spring semester dean's list at Susquehanna University. Miss Eck was one of 12 students at Susquehanna who had perfect 4.0 or "straight A" averages, out of an enrollment of 1,060.

The movie lineup at the Sandy Beach Drive-In Theatre included "Goldfinger" with Sean Connery and "Ferry Cross The Mersey," starring Gerry and the Pacemakers.

30 Years Ago  
June 26, 1975

### A NEW BIKE FOR GLEN HOOVER'S BIRTHDAY

Friends and relatives surprised Glen Hoover, Outlet Road, with a new Schwinn bicycle on his birthday. It was his

favorite color, red. Glen has lived over a half century at the Hoover homestead, and can be seen cycling in Lehman, Harveys Lake and Dallas for his groceries.

Supervisors of Northmoreland Township, Wyoming County, recently appropriated \$3,327 from current revenue sharing funds for the purchase of land for a posed township building.

The Pinebrook Inn, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, advertised a Sunday dinner with a choice of ham, turkey or roast beef, for \$3.95. Children's portion was \$1.95. The restaurant was under the new management of Tony and Kathy Wisnewski.

20 Years Ago  
June 26, 1985

### MCCUTCHEON HONORED BY KIWANIS CLUB

After six years of dedicated service to the Dallas Kiwanis All-Star softball game, and probably as many years coaxing him to accept it, Dallas resident George McCutcheon has received the Kiwanis Club's award for meritorious service involving women's athletics.

Crime Watch programs were on the agenda in Dallas Borough and Kingston Township. Borough officials voted to fund the purchase of Neighborhood Crime Watch kits. Kingston Township named four neighborhood "captains," Frank Hirlman, Edward Carey, Jim Wisniewski and Janet Roberts.

In Little League action, the Dodgers upped their record to 15-1 by beating the Reds behind the two-hit pitching of Hugo Selenski. Eric Pieczynski, Neil Keiser and Walt Fry each had two hits for the winners. Tom Ladamus and Dave Podelhl had the Reds' hits.

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