

Public meeting will address development

The Back Mountain Area Council of Governments will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Kingston Township municipal building, 180 East Center Street in Shavertown.

The meeting will feature presentations by the planning consultants Kise, Straw, Kolodner, Cahill Associates and Edwards & Kelcey for the final draft of the BMACOG Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Master Plan. The study was initiated in February 2004 and is designed to provide the BMACOG member municipalities - consisting of the Borough of Dallas, and the townships of Dallas, Kingston and Lehman - with an integrated comprehensive plan for future development in the Back Mountain region.

The Master Plan components

will focus on the critical issues dealing with increased development in the region, including land use planning, transportation, open space and recreation and environmental sustainability.

Funding for the \$200,000 study was provided by the Pennsylvania Departments of Community and Economic Development, Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Luzerne County Commissioners and the Luzerne County Office of Community Development, with local matching contributions from the member municipalities.

For more information, call Dallas Borough manager Joe Moskovitz at 675-1389 or Kingston Township manager Eddie O'Neill at 696-3809.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Feb. 20, 1725, a posse of New Hampshire volunteers comes across a band of encamped Abenaki Indians and takes 10 "scalps" in the first significant appropriation of this American Indian practice. The posse received a bounty of 100 pounds per scalp from the colonial authorities in Boston.

- On Feb. 25, 1890, Vlachoslav Skryabin, who took the revolutionary name Molotov and became foreign minister for the Soviet Union, is born in Kurkaka, Russia. Molotov advocated the use of throwing bottles filled with flammable liquid and stuffed with a lighted rag at the enemy, and the famous "Molotov cocktail" was born.

- On Feb. 26, 1903, Alexander Winton, driving his Winton Bullet, sets the first speed record ever achieved at Daytona Beach, Fla. Built in 1902, the "Bullet Number 1" drove a measured mile at more than 65 mph.

- On Feb. 24, 1938, Variety reports that MGM has cast Buddy Ebsen for the film "The Wizard of Oz." However, Ebsen dropped out after just nine days of shooting when he was poisoned by his makeup, and Jack Haley replaced him as the Tin Man.

- On Feb. 23, 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines and a Navy corpsman raise the American flag on Mount Suribachi, an event captured on film by AP photographer Joe Rosenthal. Three of the six men seen raising the flag in the famous photo were killed before the battle for Iwo Jima ended more than a month later.

- On Feb. 22, 1950, Walt Disney's animated feature "Cinderella" opens. Based on a fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm, "Cinderella" featured songs like "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and became one of Disney's most beloved films.

- On Feb. 21, 1965, in New York City, Malcolm X, a black nationalist and religious leader, is assassinated by rival Black Muslims. Born Malcolm Little in Omaha, Neb., in 1925, he took the last name "X" to symbolize his stolen African identity.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It's still not known who made the following sage observation: "Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance."

- If the ice in your glass is white, then why is it that some glaciers - the same thing, really, just on a grander scale - are blue? Experts say it's because glacial ice is much denser than the little cubes you pull out of your freezer. The high density causes some glacial ice to absorb all colors of the visible light spectrum except for blue, which is reflected back to the viewer.

- Statistics show that for every single person born in the United States, there are 15 puppies and 45 kittens added to the animal population.

- Make any New Year's resolutions this year? If so, you're far from alone - it's been estimated that 45 percent of U.S. adults make at least one resolution for the new year. Curious about what people want to change the most? Well, here's a breakdown of the most popular resolutions in the country: 1. losing weight (no big surprise there); 2. starting a fitness program (which goes along with No. 1, I suppose); 3. quitting smoking (a no-brainer); 4. becoming better organized (I think we could all stand to do that); 5. enjoying more of life (although I'm not sure that really counts as a resolution - have more fun? It just seems too easy); and 6. finding a quality relationship (I wonder exactly how they plan to do that, though).

- Do you suffer from cenosillica? I suppose alcoholics do, in a manner of speaking. It's the fear of an empty glass.

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Thought for the Day: "The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools." - Herbert Spencer
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In the austere landscape of winter, they are delightful surprise at fence and clearing. A pair they are. He so often as reticent as his colors are brilliant. Her plumage toned down but not her behavior - she is often first to approach the feeder. And together, the common Northern Cardinals will duet from high in the brattice of branches in a song that is proof that the Earth is alive, even in "the bleak midwinter."

NEW BOOKS

The following new books and books on CD have been donated to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas. For more information about donating a book, call the library at 675-1182.

FICTION

"Gone" by Lisa Gardner
"User I.D." by Jenefer Shute
"Last Witness" by Jilliane Hoffman
"Blood Orange" by Drusilla Campbell

NONFICTION

"The Education of a Coach" by David Halberstam
"A War Like No Other" by Victor

Davis Hanson

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"False Testimony" by Rose Connors
"Every Waking Moment" by Brenda Novak
"It's in His Kiss" by Julia Quinn
"The Regime" by Tim LaFaye
"The Ezekiel Option" by Joel C. Rosenberg
"The Big Over Easy" by Jasper Fforde

YOUNG ADULT

"The War on Terrorism" edited by Karen F. Balkin
"The Last Apprentice: revenge of the witch" by Joseph Delaney

"Guinea Pig Scientists" by Leslie Dendy and Mel Boring
"Inexcusable" by Chris Lynch
"Twilight" by Stephanie Meyer
"Elsewhere" by Gabrielle Zevin
"Listening for Lions" by Gloria Whelan
"The Isabel Factor" by Gayle Friesen
"Come Back to Afghanistan" by Said Hyder Akbar and Susan Burton

BOOKS ON CD

"Every Breath You Take" by Judith McNaught
"More Than Friends" by Barbara Delinsky
"Just Rewards" by Barbara Taylor Bradford

"Love Smart" by Phil McGraw
"Light from Heaven" by Jan Karon
"Marley and Me" by John Granger
"At Canaan's Edge" by Taylor Branch
"The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion
"The Romantic Poets"
"Star Wars: the Swarm War" by Troy Denning
"The Italian Secretary" by Caleb Carr
"The Judgment of Paris" by Ross King
"Blindfold Game" by Dana Stabenow
"The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell" by Lilian Jackson Braun

70 YEARS AGO

Feb. 21, 1936

RECREATION CENTER COULD BE REALITY

The possibility of sponsoring a recreation center here next summer is being studied by Dallas Council as a result of a suggestion made at a meeting on Tuesday night by a representative of Wyoming Valley Playground Association. Council authorized the Association to prepare detailed estimates of the cost for equipment and supervision. A report will be made at the next meeting. Council displayed a favorable attitude toward the plan.



ONLY YESTERDAY

A tractor which broke through 14-inch ice about 50 yards from the bridge, near Shawanese, Harveys Lake, was "fished" out early this week by George Castlerline, Lake ice harvester. The machine was dropped into twenty feet of water last Saturday afternoon while being used to clear the ice of snow preparatory to cutting. The operator jumped clear of the machine when he heard the ice crack, and escaped injury.

Bert P. Stroh, who retired as manager of the Dallas District of Commonwealth Telephone Co., this week constructed a three-mile line between his home and that of his father-in-law in Center Moreland in January 1898. That was the start of the present Commonwealth Telephone Co.

60 YEARS AGO

Feb. 22, 1946

BACK MT. MAN SEEKS TAXI LICENSE

Alexander McCulloch has made application to the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission for the right to operate the Back Mountain Cab Company, a taxi service for the Back Mountain area. "Sandy" is veteran of World War II, having served four and one-half years in the army. Three years of that time he was overseas.

Evening grosbecks, have held the spotlight at most local bird

feeding stations lately and by their beauty and by their greedy pushing and pecking as they try for their favorite tidbits, they have almost completely stolen the show from the other visitors to the feeding trays.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Mount Greenwood, is hostess to a group of forty every morning. They make themselves very much at home, throwing sunflower seed hulls merrily about the yard. Mrs. Scott gave an eyewitness account of their Tuesday visit over the phone to The Dallas Post as they chattered and shoved and dived at the door.

A former Dallas boy, veteran of three years in the Marines, is scheduled to fight a featured six-round bout tonight at West Side Armory in his first local appearance since his release from the service. He is Edwin Wallo, 22, a former student of Dallas Township High School. Eddie, who uses the professional name of Rocco Wallo, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wallo Sr., East Orange, N.J. The couple is formerly of Huntsville.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1956

SMITH RECOVERING FROM SEVERE BURNS

Mrs. Maude Smith, mother of Mr. Arthur Swelgin of Dallas, has made such good progress at Bay Memorial Hospital, Panama City, Fla., that her name has been removed from the danger list. Attending physicians hope to do skin-grafting shortly, to hold down the incidence of scars from the terrible burns which she suffered when her clothing caught fire February 12. She was burning a wastebasket of paper at the rear of her home. Her chest and neck were burned, but her face escaped injury.

Some benighted litterbug has dumped a choice of assortment of tin cans and trash on the pathway along Main Street where little children walk to school each morning from the Fernbrook district. Children must now pick their way through the sharp cans and around the trash, or take the highway, where on icy days they are in danger from skidding cars.

Local fruit growers met with others in the profession at Jackson Fire Hall last Thursday to

study insect control and assay different methods of spraying. Stanley Gesell and Dr. E. E. Honey, a Pennsylvania State University entomologist and pathologist, outlined procedure for adequate control, and distributed spraying schedules. It was announced by E.V. Chadwick, a Luzerne County Farm Agent, that copies could be obtained by fruit growers not able to attend the meeting, by application at the county office on Water Street, Wilkes-Barre.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1966

DALLAS BOYS WIN BASKETBALL TITLE

Dallas copped the 1966 North League championship Tuesday night by downing Crestwood, 61-58, before a capacity crowd on the loser's floor. The Mountaineers finished with an impressive record of 21 wins and 1 loss for the season. The loss was suffered in an exhibition game with Plymouth in December by a score of 65-64. They were undefeated in league play with a record of 14 straight wins.

Dallas will have a layover of approximately two weeks before it meets the winner of the Scranton Area Class A playoffs at the Scranton CYC. A tentative date of March 8 has been set for the game.

Karl Squier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Squier of Lehman, is managing a radio station from the Lycoming college campus. Karl, a sophomore, hopes to line up enough programs and crew to broadcast from 4 p.m. to midnight on weekdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; and 12:30 to midnight on Sundays.

The Lycoming College Choir, which made its appearance Sunday afternoon in the Back Mountain, offered a delightful repertoire of folk songs and early compositions to the interested audience which thoroughly enjoyed the chorus of 41 voices. Professor McIver, director of voice at Lycoming, led the group with finesse and in perfect accord.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 19, 1976

TRUCKSVILLE CHURCH TO HOST TEEN

PROGRAM

"All God's Children," a religious musical group will appear on Wednesday Feb. 25, at the Park Neighborhood Free Methodist Church, Trucksville. All God's Children is a group of high school teens who travel around the Northeast United States communicating God's love through music.

Kids Corner, a learning program of boys and girls three to five years of age is held at the Wilkes-Barre Young Women's Christian Association, Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mary Beth Miller of Wilkes-Barre, professionally trained with children, is in charge of the program. The children have the opportunity to study numbers, colors, music, games, table manners, films, and have sessions with policemen, firemen, coal miners, etc.

Professor Charles Boughton, coordinator of health, physical education and athletics at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre has received a financial assistance grant to attend the Northwest Outward Bound Survival School in Eugene, Oregon.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 19, 1986

PSU WILKES-BARRE INTERESTED IN POOL

Administrators from Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman, are visiting the two school boards in the Back Mountain area to discuss community interest in a swimming pool on the campus. Dr. James H. Ryan, campus executive officer, emphasized that the university has not made a decision about whether a pool should be included in a new gymnasium multi-purpose building, which he expects to be constructed on campus in the future.

The Occupational Therapy program at College Misericordia has received accreditation from the American Occupational Therapy Association, announced by Dr. Joseph Fink, president of the college. The program status of "accredited" follows a full five-year accreditation granted by the committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association.

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