

OPINION

Patriotism alive and kicking in Back Mt.

Dear Editor:

"Patriotism is dead." That is what we hear from the media more times than not these days, but in Kingston Township, I assure you, it is alive and kicking. To start this year's Independence Day festivities, the community of Kingston Township and its neighbors were treated to a fireworks display that would have rivaled any big time city or sports sponsored event.

Local businessman Paul Adamchick of Pizza Perfect donated \$15,000 worth of pyrotechnics for a pre-Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza. In cooperation with the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church which provided its grounds for the event, Mr. Adamchick provided a night of fun and entertainment for all to see.

Cars, holding people from all over Wyoming Valley and the Back Mountain region, dotted a three mile square area, along township roadways which surrounded the church grounds. Surrounding yards were filled with neighbors, friends and relatives, decked out in their lawn chairs and blankets, all awaiting the fireworks. It was more than worth the wait.

Multi-rocket displays entertained the crowd for what seemed like forever, as a continuous barrage of light patterns lit the sky, awing spectators with the beauty and concert-like display. Even now as days pass, people are still talking about the five-stage finale that kept the watchers on their feet in applause.

As an appreciative citizen of Kingston Township and a resident of the Back Mountain, I would like to give a bit round of thanks to Mr. Adamchick, the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church, the Kingston Township Police and Fire Department and all other people and organizations that made July 4, 2007 a memorable event that will be talked about for years in the Back Mountain.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

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• On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register, which licensed printed works. Playwrights at the time were not interested in publication: They sold their plays to theater companies, which tried to prevent rivals from literally stealing the show.

• On July 19, 1884, President Chester Arthur issues a proclamation that grants the federal government the power to quarantine persons entering the United States through its ports of entry to avoid the spread of tuberculosis.

• On July 21, 1904, Louis Rigolly, driving a 15-liter Gobron-Brillie on the Ostend-Newport road in Belgium, became the first man to break the 100 mph barrier in a car by raising the land-speed record to 103.55 mph.

• On July 17, 1913, film audiences are introduced to the pie-in-the-face routine, recorded in the silent film "A Noise From the Deep." Mabel Normand hit Fatty Arbuckle in the face with a pie.

• On July 18, 1939, MGM screens a sneak preview of "The Wizard of Oz." After the screening, producers debated removing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," not realizing until later that it was the movie's signature song.

PANDAS ON PARADE AT THE BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY THIS MONTH!



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of July is a collection of pandas and panda items. The collection is owned by Julia Pilch of Shavertown. Julia is 10 years old and has been collecting pandas since she was 4 years old. She first learned about pandas from a program on TV. She buys pandas and also receives them as gifts. Her favorite items on display are the picture of the two pandas her cousin drew and the panda with the red heart bow because it sings. Her most favorite panda, Miranda Panda, Julia kept at home with her. Julia is a fifth-grade student at Lehman-Jackson school and the daughter of Michelle and Tom Pilch.

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A white pony, illuminated by the evening sun, grazes on green pastures in the Back Mountain.

Library sponsors widely anticipated farmer's market

The Board of Directors and staff of the Back Mountain Memorial Library wish to thank everyone who made our 61st Annual Auction such a success! The bidders, auctioneers and the volunteers enjoyed four nights of fun and festivities.

Even though the Auction Block has been placed back into storage and the bell silenced until next summer, there is still a lot happening on the library grounds.

The return of our Farmer's Market, which started yesterday and will be held on Saturdays until mid-September, is a widely anticipated event that the library is proud to sponsor. The local farmers and food vendors will offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as other

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foods, for purchase from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday.

For the remainder of the summer, our Slightly Read Bookshop will be closed during its usual weekday hours, but will be open on Saturdays during the Farmers' Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The regular hours for the Bookshop will resume after September 1.

Participants of our summer reading program, Get a Clue @ Your Library are encouraged to complete their required reading of eight (8) books in order to receive their prize of a special magnifying

glass. Many "summer sleuths" have already begun searching for clues and have enjoyed special detective day presentations in the Children's Room of the library.

The next such event, "Get a Clue about the 'Activated Storytellers,'" a special System-Wide Program, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at King's College, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.

An opportunity to have your children fingerprinted by Officer Dave Wehrer of the Back Mountain Police Association will be available at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 23, in the Children's Room of our library, during the next presentation: "Get a Clue about the Mystery of Fingerprinting in

Police Work.

Children may sign up for both programs in the Children's Room or by calling the library at 675-1182.

Members of the teen summer book clubs are reminded of their next meetings.

Donuts & Discussion members will meet on Thursday, July 26 to discuss the book, "Surviving the Applewhites" by Stephanie S. Tolan.

Young Adult Discussion group members will next meet on Monday, July 23 to discuss the book "Inkspell" by Cornelia Funke.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library news column is written by the library staff. The column appears every other week.

JULY 15, 1987

20 YEARS AGO

Dallas Township Solicitor Frank Townend said that there are a few details that need to be ironed out on an ordinance that will enable township police to enforce traffic violations on township roads. The ordinance will be passed at the August 4 meeting of the supervisors.

ONLY YESTERDAY

Last week Wilkes-Barre Attorney Bruce Phillips, looking into a citation that was issued to his wife in late May for failing to come to a complete stop at the intersection of Dorchester and Savoy Drives, discovered a technicality in the vehicle code prohibiting township police from enforcing traffic violations on township roads. As a result, the case was thrown out of court and township police subsequently dropped several other cases regarding similar citations.

Hot, sweaty and tired, but thrilled that the whole ordeal is over, John Hoinski and Dotty Martin of the Dallas Post shared a laugh after Saturday's Back Mountain Library B-athlon Relay. Picking up when Martin finished dead last in the bicycle portion of the relay, Hoinski managed to pass three runners during his 4.3 mile jaunt so the Dallas Post team was not last overall.

The severe storm that raged through the Back Mountain last Thursday may not have caused any severe personal injuries to residents but it certainly wreaked havoc with their homes and businesses.

An unknown number of homes and businesses had flooding in their basements, but in some areas of the Back Mountain more severe damage was done.

JULY 15, 1977

30 YEARS AGO

At the recent installation dinner of Dallas Lions, Paul McCue, owner of Dallas Auto Parts, was installed as new president. Other officers installed included Bill Tabor, first vice president; Bob Johnson, second vice president; Joe Canfield, secretary; John Mulhern, treasurer; Jack Cacoza, tail twister; and Sargo Toni, Lion Tamer.

The Lake-Lehman High School Bible Club recently held their second annual "Promless." The promless is organized for Christian

Young people who because of their religious beliefs do not attend dances. The promless was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Austin, Sr. About 20 young people were in attendance. As the guests entered the beautifully decorated home, they saw a banner bearing the promless theme, "I'll Meet You In The Rapture." A meal of meat loaf, corn, beans, rolls, cake and other foods was then served. Finally, Miss Carol Martin was crowned "Promless Queen" for 1977. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a crown and banner.

Commonwealth Telephone Company's corporate headquarters, located on Lake Street in Dallas, is currently undergoing a \$1,475,000 renovation. The project involves the administration building, the former storeroom and garage, and the former cable storage area. Storeroom, garage and cable facilities are now located at the company's new multi-services complex on Route 309 in Dallas Township.

Upon completion early next year, the construction program will provide much needed space for some 150 employees working at Commonwealth's Lake Street location. All changes have been designed to accommodate 10 years of anticipated growth.

Coach Ed Donahue of King's College welcomed four boys and girls from the Back Mountain Area to his ninth annual summer basketball camp held in the college gym, Wilkes-Barre. The Back Mountain attendees were: Maurita Gries, Bill Dollard, Julie Baur and Joe Gries.

JULY 15, 1967

40 YEARS AGO

For the first time in auction history, the general chairman was at the Dallas Post on the Monday morning after the three-day event, with concrete information about the results.

Harry Lefko, elated that the auction had gone off successfully and that it had not been ruined by rain, furnished statistics. The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction grossed over \$20,000, with a probably \$15,000 in net profit.

Local Acme Markets were offering the following prices on produce: Bing cherries for 49 cents a pound; ice berg lettuce for 19 cents a head; two pounds of bananas for 25 cents; cauliflower for 29 cents a head; and honeydew melons for 79 cents each.

Walter Mohr, Director Governor, inducted into office the new Dallas Rotary Club officers. It was an evening of pleasure and busi-

ness. Officers are: Hanford Eckman, director, William Jeter, treasurer, Herman Otto, director, Carl Henderson, president, John Konsavage, director, Willard Seaman, secretary, John Cashes, sergeant-at-arms, and Spencer Martin, vice president.

Members of the Saint Ann's Altar Society are making arrangements for a bake sale to be held on July 14 at Boyd White's in Central Dallas. Chairpersons are Mrs. James Kozemchak and Mrs. Costy Archacavage.

JULY 15, 1957

50 YEARS AGO

Movies playing at the Dallas Outdoor Theater included "Everything But The Truth" starring Maureen O'Hara and John Forsythe; "Last of The Badmen" starring George Montgomery and "A Face In The Crowd" starring Andy Griffith and Patricia Neal.

Hollywood Starbright, a Miniature Poodle (silver) bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Robinson, Country Kennels, Dallas, will be shown at the Back Mountain Kennel Club Show tomorrow at the Irem Temple Country Club Horse Show Grounds, Dallas. There are 24 poodles entered in the Back Mountain Show.

Local Acme Markets were featuring the following buys: Porterhouse Steaks for 79 cents a pound; Smoked Tongue for 39 cents a pound; and Veal Chops for 79 cents a pound.

Noxen Methodist W.S.C.S. plans to raise money for the kitchen fund by holding an auction of used goods, china and glassware tomorrow in Bernard Dendler's Barn. Auctioneers will be Andrew Race and Richard Harding. Mrs. Lewis Lord, auction chairman, announces her committee: Mesdames Bernard Dendler, A.E. Dimmick, Henry Lane, Albert Jones, Elwood Patton, James Sanderson, Francis Schenck, Herbet Gailey, Osmond Casterline, and Kenneth Turner.

JULY 15, 1947

60 YEARS AGO

An estimated \$3,500 damage, none of it covered by insurance, resulted when fire originating in a pinball machine, completely destroyed the Martin gas station near Elston's Pond at Kunkle, Monday afternoon.

Kenneth Martin, owner, was on the lawn of his home, a short distance away, when he saw the short-circuited machine blazing inside the building. He had been in the station to wait on a customer fif-

teen minutes earlier and had observed nothing wrong at that time.

Mrs. Gerald Detmore entertained at a memorial tea at her home on Lehman Avenue Wednesday afternoon. Proceeds will be used to pay for communion plates for Dallas Methodist Church, purchased in memory of Mrs. Laura Patterson.

Mrs. Philip Cheney of Church Street entertained members of a card club at her home Wednesday evening. Present were: Mrs. Loren Dymond, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Ambrose Gavigan, Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. John Nash, Mrs. Allen Montross and Mrs. Robert Lewis.

Mrs. Henry Phillips was hostess to members of the Harmony Club of Demunds at their recent meeting. Mrs. F.M. Drake was welcomed as a new member.

JULY 15, 1937

70 YEARS AGO

Seven persons were injured when their automobile struck a Dallas-bound streetcar on the crossing below Truckville last Friday afternoon. A.L. Bond, motorman on the trolley, said the red signal light was working to warn traffic and that he gave warning with his horn.

The people of Noxen entertained a distinguished visitor for five hours last Saturday afternoon - Peter Reidel, ace German glider pilot, whose sailplane landed Elmer Crispell's farm. The handsome young aviator, piloting a Rhonsperber sailplane, brought his graceful craft to a safe landing at Noxen shortly before 3 p.m., three hours after his takeoff from Elmira, N.Y., where he competed in the national soaring meet.

Renewing his pledge to do everything possible to resolve Luzerne's traffic problem, State Senator Leo C. Mundy this week assured Dallas Rotary Club that plans for a re-routed State highway through Luzerne are moving steadily toward realization.

Senator Mundy and Senator A.J. Sordani were guests of the Rotary Club last night. The club, which has played a leading part in the crusade for a new highway through Luzerne, invited a number of prominent local men, representatives of various civic groups, to be present.

C.L. Albert, chairman of the road committee of Rotary, reported yesterday the allied group pressing the campaign have also received word from the State Highway Department of encouraging developments in plans.