

# Library bricks can last forever

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If you could engrave anything onto a brick - anything you want - what would it be?

Personalized bricks are for sale at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Engraving of three lines of type with 14 characters on each line can be purchased for \$100.

The brick sale is an ongoing fundraiser initiated in 1997 after the children's wing was added to the library, says library director Martha Butler. The idea of selling paved bricks started that year in order to support the children's wing. Ever since then, the sale has been ongoing and will carry on. So far, several hundred bricks have been purchased and installed. Bricks are put in during the spring and fall seasons each year.

Bricks are purchased for all different types of reasons. Some are in honor of or memorialize deceased friends and loved ones. Others list family members' names and feature favorite quotations. Though the library's annual auction is held each summer, brick sales do not go down, says Butler.

"It's not the kind of thing that's driven by people's spending," said Butler. "A lot of times it's when an occasion occurs or the passing of a friend or relative. There's really no pattern to it."

Karen Laskowski of Harveys Lake was one of the first people to buy a brick when the sale began in 1997. Laskowski's children went to the Back Mountain Memorial Library so often the mother decided to purchase a brick to honor her children and contribute to the library.

"I think it is a really nice way to enter the library; it just makes the landscaping look so nice instead of having your concrete slabs," said Laskowski.

Laskowski's children were ages 11 and 7 at the time and were happy to have their names outside the library. Though she does not remember exactly what the brick states, Laskowski says the engraved type on the brick is meant to honor her children, Samantha and William.

Laskowski hopes if her children become parents they will show the bricks to their children and admits she would consider purchasing another brick in the future for a grandchild.

Ellen Machovec of Dallas has ties to two of the bricks at the library. She and her family bought a brick in honor of their family in 1997 when Machovec's daughter came home from school with information about the sale. Just within the last year, Machovec's father, who lives in Long Island, purchased a brick in memory of Felicia Sileo, Machovec's deceased mother.

"I think it's a nice thing to do as a family so you can say we as a family are participating in something that's bigger than just us," said Machovec. "To me, it's such a great example of community and being part of a community. And that's something that will be there forever."

The board-generated brick fundraiser at the library has been successful for the last 10 years and Butler hopes people will continue to pay for bricks.

But for those who do not want to buy a brick or cannot afford one and would like to make a donation, several other options are available. Books can be donated in memory of someone with a book plate by giving a minimum of \$25. Making a gift toward endowment, a general donation, or obtaining an item from the library's wish list are also alternatives.

# Lyn Farruggia is engaged to wed Robert Bartorillo

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Farruggia of Hughestown announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lyn to Robert Thomas Bartorillo, son of Mrs. Ann Karuza and the late Dean Bartorillo, Trucksville.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Endres, Avoca and the late Mr.

and Mrs. Calogero Farruggia, formerly from Pittston.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bartorillo, of Luzerne and the late James L. Carr of Waverly, NY, and the late Catherine Nautle of Sweet Valley.

Ms. Farruggia is a graduate of Pittston Area High School and

Wilkes University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. She was formerly employed by Q and A Financial in Chicago, IL.

Mr. Bartprillo is a graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. He was formerly employed by Credit

Suisse First Boston, New York, NY and Chicago, IL.

The couple recently returned from an eight month trip around the world trip, traveling to six continents and 25 countries. The wedding will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Hughestown.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Seminary Film Festival conducted

The Sixth Annual Wyoming Seminary Film Festival was held on Saturday, May 19.

This event highlighted the work of aspiring filmmakers from Wyoming Seminary's digital filmmaking program.

Under the guidance of Mr. Jason Sherry, this program has encouraged film making as a career choice and young artists have gone on to top film programs at Syracuse, Ithaca, and the Savannah College of Art and Design.

This year five films were showcased and awards were given in a variety of categories.

The Best screenplay, picture and cinematography awards went to "Love Is," a short by junior Ricky Rose. The main characters were played by Wyoming Seminary graduate Bianca Roman and Ricky Rose.

"Love Is" highlights the pitfalls and turmoil's of love and the search for its meaning.

Senior Andrew Saba was recognized as best actor alongside Junior Ned Russin for best supporting actor in "Whoops," a film submitted by Hannah Roman, Matt Decker and Ben Russin. The best editing and audience award also went to "Whoops."

### Jackie Brocius receives scholarship

Jackie Brocius, of Dallas, was recently recognized by Eat

'n Park Hospitality Group as a recipient of a CURA educational scholarship.

Brocius will be a junior at College Misericordia where she is a Management Information Systems student.

The company offers three major scholarships programs, one for each division: Eat 'N Park Restaurants, Parkhurst Dining Services and CURA Hospitality. These program assists employees as they pursue their educational goals. Winners are chosen based on academic talent and community service.

### Shavertown woman named to CM post

Corina N. Mihai of Shavertown has been named director of the Master of Business Administration and Organizational Management programs at College Misericordia.

Mihai joined College Misericordia as an assistant professor of business in January 2007 after teaching graduate business

courses in on-line and traditional classroom formats as an adjunct professor since 2003. She is the former associate director of the Center for Continued Learning,

Department of Graduate Studies and Continued Learning at Wilkes University where she served as the primary MBA advisor and admissions counsel-

or.

Mihai earned her bachelor's degree and MBA from Wilkes University and is a candidate for a doctoral degree in organizational management with a specialization in leadership from Capella University, Minneapolis, Minn. She is currently in her dissertation phase conducting research on "Emotional Intelligence in College and University Presidents" and expects to receive her Ph.D. in the fall.

She was the first woman elected president of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, which also named her Rotarian of the Year in 2002. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Graduate Schools, Luzerne County Council on Adult Higher Education and the Academy of Management.

### Two are inducted into honor society

Thomas Malkemes, of Tunkhannock and Eileen Halloran, of Shavertown, were among 117 students inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa (PTRK) Honor Society during an induction ceremony held by The United Honor Society at Luzerne County Community college.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students. PTK is the only internationally-claimed honor society serving institutions which offer associate degree programs.

### Class of 1957 plans 50th reunion

Dallas-Franklin-Monroe High School class of 1957 will hold their 50th class reunion Saturday October 13, 2007 in the Sun Room at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, Pa. For further information contact Lloyd Ryman at rymanlw@hotmail.com or 6749758.

### Lake-Noxen alumni plan picnic

Lake-Noxen High School alumni will hold a reunion at the Harvey's Lake Beach Club Picnic Pavilion (formerly Old Sandy Bottom Beach) starting at noon on Saturday, August 11.

Participants are asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share with six to eight people. Lunch will be held at 1 p.m. so all food should arrive by that time.

Lake-Noxen High School graduating classes were 1952 through 1959 but everyone who attended Lake-Noxen School is welcome to attend the picnic.

For more information, contact Tanya (Kocher) Christ at 945-5874 or Carlene (Kocher) McCaffrey at 639-5308.

### Lehman Class of 1967 plans reunion

The Lake-Lehman Class of 1967 will hold its 40th anniversary class reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas.

Anyone with information on these classmates is asked to contact the committee at LLHSCCLASSOF1967@YAHOO.COM.



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