

Library auction chairman thanks all who made event a success

Dear Editor:

In this day, where volunteerism appears to be an aberration at times, I must pen this "love" letter to everyone who helped at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. The many hours that people put in to make this a success would blow the average person's mind.

Auction planning has been going on since last November. During that time over 800 antiques were accumulated, myriads of goods for new goods, nearly old, and odds and ends, the basket booth, the flower tent, the book room, donations for the food booth, donations from the Ham and Yegggers, ad infinitum.

Family Night was a huge success, Mike Lewis' appearance greatly appreciated and the Praise Band from Trinity added to the enjoyment of a huge crowd. Dallas Borough, Kingston Township and Jackson Township offered needed help. Emmanuel

Bus Line did its usual superb job. Four young men doing a senior project helped significantly with parking, carrying goods and cleaning up. Boy Scout troops were indispensable.

After the heavy rain forced us to hold the event over until Monday, we had wonderful cooperation with all the media to inform the public and Monday night's attendance was wonderful. Preliminary reports suggest we did very well in these difficult economic times.

Kudos to all who participated. I talked to wonderful volunteers and I consistently heard, "It was fun!" That warmed the cockles of my heart (my wife is English). The community atmosphere made me realize why I had taken on the chairmanship. See you next year at the auction!!

Clarence J. Michael, chairman
2008 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction

MONSTER TRUCKS ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library has been filled with monster trucks for the month of July. Twins Heath and Daniel Jones, age 7, of Shavertown, are the proud collectors. They have been interested in these trucks since they were toddlers and credit their Uncle Bill Carey as getting them started in collecting the fun vehicles. The boys have received most of their trucks as gifts. Some of their favorite pieces in the display are the Maximum Destruction and Grave Digger trucks. They are especially proud of their photograph, also on display, depicting them at the Bloomsburg Truck Show with the Grave Digger! Heath and Daniel of the children of Mark and Annette Jones of Shavertown.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Aug. 3, 1861, the last entry of the serialized novel "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens is published. Dickens' father was thrown in debtors' prison in 1824, and 12-year-old Charles was sent to work in a factory. The miserable treatment of children and the institution of the debtors' jail became topics of several of Dickens' novels.

• On Aug. 2, 1933, Irish actor Peter O'Toole is born. He received the first of six Oscar nominations in 1962 for his performance as the title character in "Lawrence of Arabia."

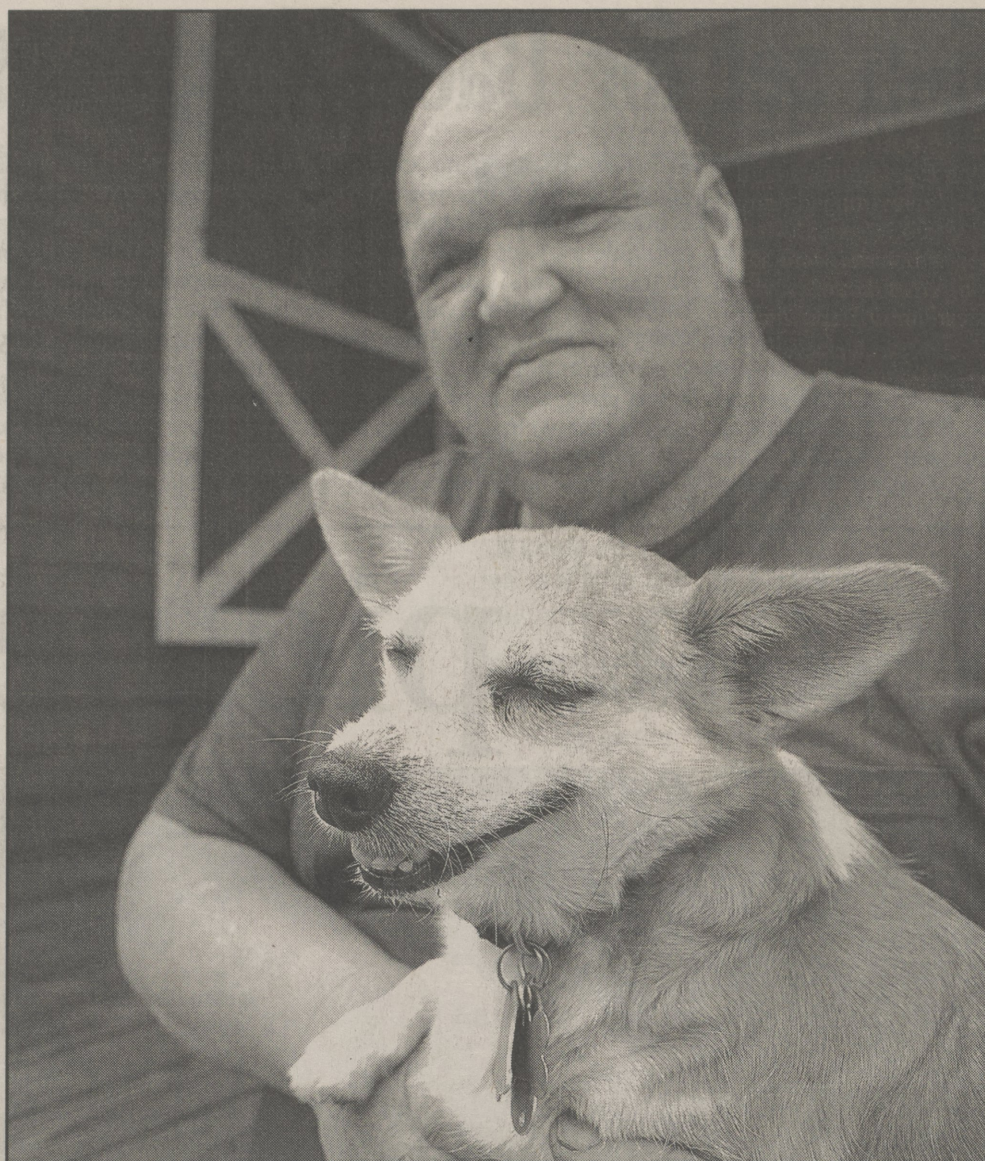
• On July 28, 1945, a B-25 bomber crashes into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building, killing 14 people. One engine from the plane went straight through the building and landed in a penthouse apartment across the street.

• On Aug. 1, 1953, "Shane," considered by many critics to be the greatest Western movie, is released by Paramount Pictures. "Shane" was a new type of Western. After World War II, Americans who had lived through the horrors and hardships began to crave books and films that offered more realistic and complex characters.

• On July 31, 1964, Ranger 7, an unmanned U.S. lunar probe, takes the first close-up images of the moon before it impacts with the lunar surface northwest of the Sea of the Clouds. The images were 1,000 times as clear as anything ever seen through Earth-bound telescopes.

• On July 30, 1974, under coercion from the U.S. Supreme Court, President Richard M. Nixon releases subpoenaed White House recordings to special prosecutor Leon Jaworski. On Aug. 5, transcripts of the recordings were released. Four days later, Nixon became the first president in U.S. history to resign.

• On July 29, 1996, track-and-field legend Carl Lewis wins his fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal in the long jump. He had barely managed to qualify for the U.S. team in the long jump and most experts believed he'd be lucky to medal, let alone win another gold.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Man & Beast

Vinny Wentzel, of Harveys Lake, works with his 10-year-old pal Little Deer as a volunteer helping to clean up after the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

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Who's your best friend? If your very best friend in the whole wide world is your pet, we want to know about it.

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Tell us your name and address, your pet's name, his or her age, his or her breed and anything else you'd like everyone to know about your pet. Be sure to include your telephone number in the event we have questions.

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If you send a picture and would like to have it returned, be sure to include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

We'll publish the pictures in the order in which we receive them.

'Catch the Reading Bug' fun continues at the library

Late July is always a favorite time of year at the Back Mountain Memorial Library as area farmers gather on Saturdays to sell their fresh produce at our Farmers Market. The market is held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the library grounds. Along with fresh produce, Amish baked goods and gourmet cheeses are also available for purchase.

After you visit with the farmers, don't forget to stop down at our Slightly Read Bookshop, which will only be open on Saturdays (during the Farmers Market) for the duration of the summer. There are still quite a few bargains on gently used books and if you browse long enough, you may even find a used DVD, video or puzzle to enjoy!

For parents of children in the "Catch the

Reading Bug" summer reading program, remember that there is still one more special program that your children may want to attend:

"Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock," a free Storytelling and Craft Hour, will be held on Monday, July 28. There are still a few spaces available for the 6 to 7 p.m. group. All ages are welcome to attend this fun time in the Children's Room.

Don't forget that as soon as your child reads his/her eight books on their Bug game card, they are eligible to receive their reward of a Bug catcher or Bug craft kit. Stop by the Children's Room for more information.

The "Final Party and Program with Kathy

Kelchner" will be held at Frances Slocum State Park, Pavilion No. 3 at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14. There is no cost for this party so plan on attending for certificates, refreshments and bug fun! Prizes for the three contests will also be awarded at that time.

Participants of the Donuts and Discussion group are reminded that their last two group meetings for this summer will be held on Thursday, July 31, to discuss Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt and on Tuesday, Aug. 12, to discuss Heat by Mike Lupica.

The Young Adult group will have its final meeting for the summer on August 11 to discuss Dacey's Song by Cynthia Voigt.

1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

The sports spotlight will spring towards Harvey's Lake on Sunday when crack swimmers from the Middle Atlantic States assemble for the open A.A.U. three mile championship race, the first major aquatic event ever



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to be held at the resort. A mile-and-one-half course has been laid out between the picnic grounds

and Sandy Beach by Luzerne County engineers.

The 1938 fruit crop in Dallas and its vicinity is expected to be almost half of last year's bumper crop, growers estimated this week. The 1937 fruit crop, following a year in which frosts had resulted in heavy losses, broke all records and created a surplus which lasted until a few months ago.

Thirty-five telephone sets in Noxen homes have been converted into dial sets and connected with the Harvey's Lake exchange, Michael Kuchta, manager of Commonwealth Telephone Co., announced this week. As a result of changing the phones from the Centermoreland to the Noxen exchange, the former toll between Dallas and Noxen has been eliminated and calls from Dallas or Harvey's Lake to any of the 35 homes will be free.

1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

Third annual Garden Party and Tea of the Dallas Women of

Rotary will be held July 22 at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Lee, Country Club Road, West Dallas. Mrs. Floyd Chamberlain is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Donald Evans, Mrs. Oswald Griffiths, Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. Lee.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theatre, Shavertown, included "I Walk Alone" featuring Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Scott and Kirk Douglas and "High Wall" starring Robert Taylor, Audrey Totter and Herbert Marshall.

Water rates for consumers in the Back Mountain area served by Dallas and Shavertown Water Companies will be increased approximately 25% on October 1 if a new rate schedule filed this week with the Public Utility Commission at Harrisburg is approved.

1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

Theresa Rodriguez and Beverly Major were co-winners of the Luzerne County "Queen of the Furrow" contest held at Northwest Joint School. They were chosen from a field of nine girls.

Both Miss Rodriguez and Miss Major will now compete with the winners of eight other county contests at regional judging to be held at Skyline Hotel in the Pocono Mountains August 1.

The Pennsylvania farm girl who is finally named "Queen of the Furrow" will reign as official hostess for the 1958 National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition to be held in Hershey in August.

A novel and unusual money-saving advertising campaign, sponsored by area business

firms, gets under way today. Under the plan, a number of families in the area will be called by telephone to receive Gold Star books. These books contain gift certificates which entitle the holder to more than \$25 worth of free services from established business firms.

1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Fred Anderson of Shavertown, who has been a volunteer for the Luzerne County Unit of the American Cancer Society for many years, received the organization's rhinestone Sword of Hope for her leadership and devotion to the Cancer Crusade and other projects of the society.

Members of the Back Mountain Little League all stars (major league) are preparing for their first game against Duryea at the Back Mountain Little League field in Dallas. The team is managed by Walter Kozemchak and coached by Elwood Cook. Team members include Don Snyder, Al Pisaneschi, Jerry Rose, Gary Baker, Ken Chamberlain, Dave Cook, Cordell Olive, Tom Duffy, Joe LaBatch, Chuck Wilson, Jim Martin, Tim Fannick, Chris Sharpe and Cliff Kozemchak.

1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

The county wide "reinspection" begun recently by the Luzerne County Assessor's Office has drawn mixed reviews in the Back Mountain. While the program began under the direction of Luzerne County Assessor Thomas Garrity has been generally referred to as a reassessment, Garrity emphasized that it

is instead a "reinspection." Said Garrity, "We are conducting a reinspection of all property in order to get an updated property description. This is not itself a reassessment."

New members of the Dallas Junior Women's Club are Mrs. Paul Fosko, Mrs. John Kristan, Mrs. David Knapp and Mrs. Robert Eyet.

Billy Mathers, 55-lb. wrestler, Trucksville, placed second in the Grand National Freestyle Wrestling Championships at Lincoln, Nebraska last weekend.

1988 - 20 YEARS AGO

Despite protests of many residents and a recommendation of denial by the Luzerne County Planning Commission, Dallas Borough Council members last week approved an ordinance changing the parcel of land formerly known as Powderhorn Estates from conservation zoning to residential by a 5-1 vote. The former Powderhorn Estates is a 33.5 parcel of land on which developer Ed Nelen proposed to build approximately 51 homes.

The Harvey's Lake Lions recently installed their new officers at a dinner held at Faux's Inn, Harvey's Lake. Elected were Lee Watson, president; Rich Goode, first vice-president; Ron DeBalko, second vice-president; Wilfred Ide, treasurer; and Wayne Rhone, secretary.

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