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Fred Walters, left, and Hugh Taylor sit in the Lindhill Institute's 1930 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster. The men are active members of the Lindhill Institute which provides free historical programs to the public. The Institute will hold a dramatization called "Meet Henry Ford" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Perugino's Restaurant in Luzerne. Taylor will play Henry Ford.

Old days brought to life at Lindhill

By REBECCA BRIA
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It was 1985 when Luzerne County Community College faculty member Fred Walters had a vision of forming an organization to provide educational, historical programs to the public. Walters' idea was approved by former LCCC president Tom Moran and the Institute of Public Affairs was formed at the college.

Upon retirement from the two-year school in 2006 after 25 years of service as a reference librarian and instructor, Walters continued the program on his own, immediately creating the Lindhill Institute, named for Charles Lindbergh and Walters' 1925 Shavertown home that is on a hill and serves as the meeting place for the institute.

The institute's all-volunteer group is composed of about six regular members and 30 to 40 people who can be counted on to help as needed and who hail from a variety of professions but have limited or no theatrical training. Lindhill has put on many programs over the years, including one on Charles Lindbergh, the Salem Witch Trials, the Nuremberg Trials and countless others.

"The kind of outpouring we get is usually impressive," said the 59-year-old Walters. "It's so important to realize the historical background of things. If you don't have that historical background, then you won't understand current affairs."

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Sunday, Oct. 2, at Perugino's Restaurant in Luzerne. The program on Ford is in honor of this year's 100th anniversary of the Model T Ford and the 80th anniversary of the Model A Ford.

The program is open to the public, but each person must have a ticket. Free tickets are available by contacting Fred Walters at fwalters@epix.net or Lindhill Institute, P.O. Box 132, Dallas, PA 18612.

"The whole idea is based on the 100th anniversary of the Model T Ford which really revolutionized American society," Walters said. "People were able to travel places and go places they had never been. We're looking forward very much to this Henry Ford program."

High Taylor, 33, of Mountain Top, will play Henry Ford at the dramatization this fall. Taylor was drawn to the Institute of Public Affairs in 1999 while a student at LCCC. He remembers seeing a poster for a program about the Vietnam War and was interested, but could not make it so when he heard the institute was putting on a dramatization,

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Contest engages young adults

In order to excite young adults about history, the Lindhill Institute is holding "The Incredible Lindhill American History Contest."

High school and college students may enter the contest by writing an essay that discusses the significant contributions of Henry Ford to modern American society. One high school and one college student will be chosen as winners, each receiving \$300 from Lindhill.

"It's an effort to get younger people involved," Walters said. "American history is being neglected in the educational process these days. We need

to re-emphasize the American story."

Essays must be typed, a minimum of three pages and capable of being read by the contestant in 10 to 15 minutes. They will be judged on sound scholarship, reasoned thinking and creativity. Entries must be received by September 5 and should be sent to the Lindhill Institute at the same address listed above for tickets.

All contestants must be in attendance at the "Meet Henry Ford" program in October. The winners will be announced at the end of the event and both winners will read their essays.

Meadows Nursing Center is 25 years old



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Dorothy Goner, a resident of the Meadows Nursing Care Center, plays Bingo at the center. The facility is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

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Noting a silver marker

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, The Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas will commemorate its history in the Back Mountain as well as future plans for change and growth.

Community, volunteers and employees are invited to see the changing faces of The Meadows with a pictorial history called "Stroll Down Memory Lane" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Other events planned are free raffles and a light lunch.

Monsignor Donald A. McAndrew, co-founder of

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BMBA president says organization is alive and well

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For a link to the Back Mountain Business Association's Web site, visit www.mydallaspost.com.

Carl Goeringer Jr. wants everyone to know the Back Mountain Business Association (BMBA) is alive and well.

In light of a recent rumor concerning the BMBA's demise, Goeringer says the gossip is untrue and the rumor is simply that - a rumor.

A Lehman Township resident, Goeringer assumed the position of president of the BMBA in May when former president Beth Ann Delaney resigned after associating herself with Penn State University and becoming too busy to fulfill her duties as president. Goeringer had been vice-president since early 2007 and automatically advanced to the presidency upon Delaney's departure.

The BMBA was formed in the spring of 1992 by a group of local professionals and businesses who saw a need for such an organization and had a vision for growth in the Back Mountain. Charter members Elva Valentine, owner of Valentine's Jewelry and Accessories, and Fran Ochman, owner of Ochman's Coins and Jewelry, are still active within the organization, with Valentine serving as a member of the board.

The Dallas Post was also a charter member of the BMBA.

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Carl Goeringer, the new president of the Back Mountain Business Association (BMBA), is greeted by Nancy Lotfilpour at her store, Bagel Art, in Dallas. Goeringer hopes to bring to the organization an increase in membership, more social opportunities for members and a voice for businesses in the Back Mountain.

Let us know who your favorites are

Do you have a favorite place to hang out? Or how about a favorite hair salon? Or a favorite high school teacher?

Let everyone know who your favorite anything is by voting in the "Best of the Back Mountain 2008 Readers Choice Awards."

The contest, which kicked off in the Aug. 17 issue of The Dallas Post, features more than 70 categories - everything from photographers to places for a first date to banks to pediatricians to martinis. And readers are encouraged to vote for their

favorites.

Ballots appear in every issue of The Dallas Post, which publishes on Sundays, periodically in the daily Times Leader and online at www.mydallaspost.com.

Ballot boxes have also been placed at the following Back Mountain businesses: Red Rooster Pancake House and Family Restaurant, Hunlock Creek; Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake; Back Mountain Memorial Library, Dallas; Wayne's World,

Dallas; Bagel Art, Dallas; Starbucks, Shavertown; Asaki Sushi and Hibachi Restaurant, Shavertown; Fire and Ice on Toby's Creek, Trucksville; The Lands at Hillside, Trucksville; and Ochman's Coins & Jewelers, Dallas.

Students at the Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools will also be given ballots upon their return to school for the 2008-2009 academic year and asked to vote for their favorite categories.

Participants must enter their favorites in at least 25 categories to be counted and each entry is eligible for a \$100 cash prize award.

All ballots must be received by The Dallas Post no later than Sept. 25.

Winners of the "Best of the Back Mountain 2008 Readers Choice Awards" will be announced to the public in a special section scheduled to appear in the October 26 issue of The Dallas Post.



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