

Harveys Lake Walking Club is up and running

Dear Editor:

The first meeting of the Harveys Lake Walking Club was held on May 9 at the Lakeside Skillet. At least a dozen attendees made plans for the newly-founded group to walk certain paths in the lake area that are comfortable for beginner and intermediate walkers. The group is encouraging participants who are wheelchair bound to join as well as parents with youth strollers and dogs walking with owners at no fee.

The next meeting is set for 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, at the Lakeside Skillet followed by a walk in the Outlet area.

The walk for the month of May is located at Pole 155, Park Street, Ash, Pine and Oak that are one block above the lake on level ground for safety from traffic. We'll meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays.

Plans are on the drawing board for a mid-summer Jamaican beach party with a local well-known artist to help raise funds for the Luzerne County SPCA. A

dog walk for adopting pets will be held with requests of food donations for cats and dogs at the purposed event.

The purposes of forming this group are many. There are not any gyms in the lake area. But mostly the camaraderie of meeting neighbors from the lake and surrounding communities is good for the health and well-being of all participating.

This is a great chance for parents and children for good old-fashioned fun. Though not a dating group, married couples and singles alike can bring friends and family to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of the many areas of the lake's paths. Our lake is nestled between the Back Mountain and the Endless Mountains which is a separate community, geographically and governmentally.

For more information, call 639-3299 or e-mail sunset117@aol.com.
Sandra Serhan
Harveys Lake

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On May 30, 1806, in a duel with pistols, future President Andrew Jackson kills a man who insulted his wife, Rachel, who married Jackson before being divorced from her previous husband. Rachel's divorce caused more of a scandal in the press and in parlors than Jackson's killing of Charles Dickinson.

• On May 31, 1870, Professor Edward Joseph De Smedt receives two patents for "French asphalt pavement." On July 29, the first road pavement of sheet asphalt was laid on William Street in Newark, N.J.

• On May 26, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signs into law the Comprehensive Immigration Act, which denied entry to Mexicans, Eastern and Southern Europeans and Japanese. The Japanese government viewed the American law as an insult, and declared May 26 a national day of humiliation in Japan.

• On May 27, 1937, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opens to the public after five years of construction. At 4,200 feet, it was the longest bridge in the world until the completion of New York City's Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in 1964.

• On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand becomes the first explorer to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which, at 29,035 feet above sea level, is the highest point on earth. The first recorded attempt to climb Everest was made in 1921 by a British expedition.

• On May 25, 1977, the first of George Lucas' blockbuster "Star Wars" movies hits American theaters. "Star Wars" was soon a bona-fide pop culture phenomenon. Over the years it has spawned five more feature films, five TV series and an entire industry's worth of comic books, toys, video games and other products.

• On May 28, 1987, Matthias Rust, a 19-year-old amateur pilot from West Germany, takes off from Finland, travels through more than 400 miles of Soviet airspace, and lands his small Cessna aircraft in Red Square by the Kremlin in Moscow. The event proved to be an immense embarrassment to the Soviet government and military. One American diplomat in the Soviet Union joked, "Maybe we should build a bunch of Cessnas." Soviet officials were not amused.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century architect and businessman Charles Luckman -- known as "The Boy Wonder of American Business" -- who made the following sage observation: "The trouble with America is that there are far too many wide-open spaces surrounded by teeth."

• The Balkan country of Serbia has seen an odd trend in funerals lately: air-conditioned coffins. Even though the coffins cost approximately \$6,600, a casket company that offers the chillers is having a hard time keeping them in stock.

• Experts claim that if you make a line of flour on the floor - or the counter, or table, or wherever you're having trouble with the pests - ants won't cross it.

• Back in the day, if you wanted to be a Pony Express rider, you couldn't weigh more than 120 pounds.

• Those who study such things - and, to be honest, I'm not entirely sure who those people would be -- say that in the United States, people who live on the East Coast wash their clothes the least often, while those in the South wash them the most (a fact for which I, who live in the sweaty South, am eternally grateful).

• The town of Key Largo, Fla., did not exist before the 1948 film of that name starring Humphrey Bogart made it famous.

• Harry Benson, a photographer who covered the Beatles in the early days of their success, says that the Fab Four celebrated their first No. 1 U.S. hit, "I Want to Hold Your Hand," by having a pillow fight in their hotel room.

• An interesting note for all the towheads out there: In ancient Rome, prostitutes were required to dye their hair blonde, if it wasn't already that shade.

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Thought for the day: "Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward." - Kurt Vonnegut

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THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, calls this scene from Hickory Run State Park, "This Old Tree." The tree is on the shoreline of Hickory Run Lake near Boulder Field, is about 60 feet tall and leans at a 45 degree angle, providing one of nature's wonders.

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1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Harold Brobst and Irene Blessing, members of the eighth grade class of Dallas Borough schools, have been recommended for the coveted American Legion Scholastic Award, according to T.A. Williammee, supervising principal.



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Brobst was chosen because of outstanding qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. Miss Blessing was recommended because she best fulfilled the qualifications of courage, companionship, character, service and scholarship.

T.A. Williammee, supervising principal of Dallas Borough High School, has announced that the Reader's Digest Award for Scholarship Achievement has been won by the valedictorian of the Class of 1939, Miss Thelma Gregory. Miss Gregory will receive an embossed parchment certificate upon graduation. The Digest confers this annual award as encouragement to young men and women who, by their scholastic achievement, give promise of growing into leadership of their communities.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Ted Shouldice, senior student of Vocational Agriculture in Lehman Township High School, won first place in the area F.F.A. Tractor Driving Contest held last week at Sterling Farms. He will represent Luzerne and Lackawanna County chapters during Future Farmer Week at Penn State in June.

Eva Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Martin of Pikes Creek, member of the senior class of Lake Township High School, was elected by the student body, and the faculty, as the first May Queen in the history of the school.

When the new Acme Market opens in Dallas on Tuesday morning it will give the Back Mountain area a quarter-of-a-million dollar food market unsurpassed in beauty, size and convenience by any other market in the Acme chain in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Senator Harold Flack cut the ribbon Friday morning at the grand re-opening of the Ben Franklin store in its new location on Church Street, admitting a crowd of potential purchasers to the greatly enlarged quarters.

Henry Holak, Wilkes-Barre, has purchased Earl's Drug Store, Trucksville, from Earl Henwood and will henceforth operate the business under the firm name of Trucksville Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henwood who have operated the business successfully since May 1946 until its purchase last week, will retire after 59 years of association with the drug business.

At local Acme stores, hams were 57 cents a pound; a half gallon of ice-cream sold for 79 cents; a 16 ounce box of Ritz crackers was 33 cents and a loaf of bread was 17 cents.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Elected recently as May Queen at Gettysburg College was Miss Beverly Eck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck of Shavertown. With her father as es-

cort during the ceremonies, Miss Eck's Coronation highlighted both the Parents Weekend held at the college and her own active college career.

Virginia Jenkins was crowned Prom Queen at Dallas High School's Junior Prom Friday night. She was crowned by 1968 Prom Queen Debbie Allen.

Two Dallas High School students, Anne Wentz and Elizabeth Eckman, have had their original sketches selected for publication in the semi-annual Anthology of High School Art.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Trucksville Elementary School held its annual play day last week under the direction of Mrs. Cleda Shelby. Winners were team six. Members of the team are: Richard Cosgrove, Susan Voitek, Matthew Price, George Russ, Allison Fry, captain, Guy Haughcoot, David Morris, Patricia Covert, Michael Chocallo, Brian Novicki and Sandra Corcoran.

New officers were installed at the regular monthly meeting of the Back Mountain Area Federated Woman's Club. They are: Mrs. Evelyn Farrell, president; Mrs. Sandy Richardson, vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Rowlands, secretary; and Mrs. Grace McCue, treasurer.

Devin Brunges, member of Boy Scout Troop 155, Trucksville, received scouting's highest award earlier this month at a special ceremony at Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Two Dallas athletes left for the State Track and Field Finals at Shippensburg College. Senior Jerry McDowell, who placed first in the shot put in District 2 competition last Friday and Susan M. Dreher, senior, who came

in second in the high jump in the District 2 girls event last Thursday, will represent Dallas High School hoping to come home with top honors in their event.

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Dallas Rotary Club's Annual Book Scholarships were awarded to Amy Phares and Julie Ann Orłowski, Dallas High School, and Alfred Manzoni and Allyson Lukasavage, Lake Lehman High School.

The Luzerne County Recreation Department held their 9th annual Under-graduate Boys' Volleyball Tournament this past Saturday at the GAR High School in Wilkes-Barre with Lake Lehman High turning the tables on North Pocono High beating them in two games, 15-6 and 13-5 to take the championship.

Members of the championship team are: Mike Doeffler, Dave Knapp, Rob Miroslaw, Paul Klemunes, Chris Tawes, Jason Turner, John Wilson, Mark Stroud, Mike Taylo, Brian Maruca, John Baranowski, Ben Haughney, Matthew Kukosky, Jake Kircher and Wallace William Willis III.

At a special awards ceremony, Mary Sue Rish of Dallas received the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award for excellence in accounting studies. Rish, a student at College Misericordia, achieved a 4.0 grade point average and participated on the college's softball team.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 120 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

"WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY?"



"Going to a car show at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds."

Gino DeOliveira
Beaumont



"We just bought a new house on Orange Road so we'll be painting and cleaning."

Jill Soroka
Dallas



"I'm going to meditation class for three hours that day. I need to slow down."

Karen Tassitano
Shavertown



"We usually have a party at REASON Horse Rescue on Memorial Day."

Lisa Smith
Center Moreland



"Maybe a cookout at home."

Lisa Boston
Tunkhannock



"We might go trail riding at Lackawanna State Park; the trails are great."

Robert Montone
Wyoming