

Area food pantry thankful for letter carriers' drive

DEAR EDITOR:

On Saturday, May 9th, the 17th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers' "Stamp-Out Hunger" food drive was held nationwide.

More than 1400 local post offices in all 50 states, including both the Dallas and Shavertown branches, participated in collecting non-perishable food to be distributed to food banks, pantries and shelters in their respective areas.

Thanks to the extreme generosity of the residents in the communities served by these two local post offices, the diligent work of the Back Mountain USPS letter carriers and post office personnel, the CEO/Weinberg Food Bank for transporting the donations from the post offices to our Trucksville facility and the 60+ volunteers who helped receive, sort and shelve the food, the Back Mountain Food Pantry received over 8,500 lbs of badly-needed food that Saturday.

On behalf of the Back Mountain Food Pantry then, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed in any way to this extraordinarily beneficial drive - from those thoughtful individuals and families who

took the time to pack and donate a bag or two of food to the many selfless volunteers who participated in handling those donations, I wish to recognize and commend the generosity, work and commitment of all involved.

As we near the mid-way point of the year, our food pantry is, as is every other nationwide, experiencing an unprecedented number of calls for assistance. Our friends and neighbors - perhaps people reading these very words - are struggling, struggling to make ends meet and to put food on their tables.

In 1970, then U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm said, "Most Americans have never seen the hunger, sickness and futility in which many other Americans live. Until a problem reaches their doorsteps, they're not going to understand."

The problem, the problem of families unable to meet their most basic daily nutritional needs, has reached our Back Mountain doorsteps. Thank you, Back Mountain, for your continued, generous and gracious response to it.

Mark Stull
Director
Back Mountain Food Pantry



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hope Naugle of Hunlock Creek shows off her horse collectibles at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

HORSE DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

The May display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library was a collection of horse collectibles, owned by Hope Naugle of Hunlock Creek.

Hope is currently home-schooled and is in the ninth-grade. She is the daughter of Brian and Estella Naugle and has been collecting these items, many of which were received as gifts, for approximately five years.

Hope tells us that her parents and other friends know of her love for horses and give her these items. She especially likes the horse sign and the painted horse plate.

Hope calls herself a "collector" and has had many other collections over the years, including clowns, Lion King memorabilia and seashells.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was British fantasy writer Terry Pratchett who made the following sage observation: "The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it."

• In ancient Egypt, cats were held in such high esteem that the penalty for killing one was death.

• The next time you feel frazzled from trying to keep up with your kids, consider the plight of 18th-century mom Mrs. Feodor Vassilyev. Over the course of 40 years, she gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets - 69 children in all.

• When he arrived in the United States from Italy in 1913, renowned film star and sex symbol Rudolph Valentino could speak no English. By the time he died in 1926, at the age of 31, he was so adored that, as reports of the time indicate, many of his female fans succumbed to mass hysteria.

• You might be surprised to learn that Arlington National Cemetery is built on the site of the former estate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

• Reports out of India in the early 20th century indicated that there was a Hindu fakir named Agastya in the Bengal region who decided, out of religious conviction, to hold one arm straight above his head. Experts say that the first few months would be the difficult part; after that, the arm would have no circulation and would remain rigid. Agastya reportedly held this position for 10 years, until his death in 1912, and even in death the arm could not be lowered.

THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



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Brian Mullen, of Dallas, shares this photo of his dog, Buck, a 5-month-old Golden Retriever/Yellow Labrador mix, guarding his job trailer. Brian and Buck travel to Peekskill, New York on the Hudson River every week where Brian works as a project superintendent for a construction company. Buck was a gift from Brian's wife to keep him company while he's out of town working. The dog is a big hit at the construction site.

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1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

The single men licked the married men in both sides of a softball double header Sunday morning on the Buckwheat Field diamond, by scores of 12-8 and 20-15. Playing for the bachelors were Stanley Rogden, Danny



Wochowski, Joseph Twerdy, Jim Reino, John Barbose, Benny Franklin, Dominick Lappolo, Phil

Barbose, Lefty Martino, John Twerdy. The married men's lineup included Andy Leandri, Sammy Reino, Sue Leandri, Ralph Lloyd, Frank Charney, Joseph Lappolo, Frank Kasisa and Polly Evans.

A cantata, "The Friendly Forest," was given at the Dallas M.E. Church in connection with the Children's Day program. Mrs. Wesley Himmler is in charge.

In the cast are Janet and Barbara Miers, Robert and John Nulton, Richard Oliver, Stella Ide, Betty Jane Van Horn, Winifred and Donald Still, Phyllis Williams, Jean and Doris Monk, Judith and Georgia Ruth Ayre, Kenneth Shaffer, Milford Shaver, Robert Jewell, Ralph Harrison, Richard Weidner, Robert Bodycomb, John and James Durbin, Leroy and Francis Siley, Lydia Gale, Beth Covert, Jean School-ey, Emily and Mildred McNeel, Barbara Clark, Della LaBar, Lois Wariner, Raymond and Dorothy Hunt, Bill Waters, Harry McNeel, Ruth Scott, Betty Wagner, Patricia Karns, Bobby Snyder and Wayne Knecht.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Richard Williams was chosen president and Robert Avery, vice president at the meeting of Lake Township Alumni Association held in the high school Monday evening. Other officers: Mary Alice Whitesell, recording secretary; Miss Eleanor Humphrey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hilda Lienthall, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Garinger, Mrs. Albert

Armitage, Mrs. Edwin Delaney, Mrs. Pete Sickler, Miss Bethia Allen, board members.

Wayne George Hildebrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hildebrand, has the distinction of being the first child baptized by Prince of Peace Church. His daddy built the baptismal font and gave it to the new parish.

Movies playing at the Sandy Beach Drive-In Theater included "Relentless" starring Robert Young and Marguerite Chapman; "The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer" starring Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple; and "If You Knew Suzie" starring Eddie Cantor and Helen Davis. At the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, Dan Daily and Celeste Holm were featured in "Chicken Every Sunday;" Roy Rogers was featured in "Eyes of Texas;" and Tyrone Power and Gene Tierney were featured in "The Wonderful Urge."

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Girl Scout Troop 156 held a Court of Awards at Lehman Methodist Church. Receiving the Curved Bar, the highest award in scouting, were: Janice Niezgod, Alana Matter, Joan Darby, Susan Conrad and Ruth Weaver.

Movies playing at Sandy Beach included "The Perfect Furlough" starring Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh; "Cop Hater" starring Robert Loggia and Gerald O'Laughlin; "The Defiant Ones" starring Tony Curtis and Sidney Poitier; and "The Gun Runners" starring Audi Murphy and Eddie Albert. At the Dallas Outdoor Theater, Rod Steiger was featured in "Al Caopne" and Pat Boone and Christine Carere were featured in "Mardi Gras."

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Among the 143 seniors who graduated from College Misericordia last week are six young women from the Dallas area. Local graduates are Rosemary Stofila, Doris Motichka, Claire Judith Greener, Alice Ide, Janet Cooper and Mary Ann Emmanuel.

Summer and year-round resi-

dents of Harvey's Lake Borough were literally left holding the bag over the Memorial Day weekend when supervisors of Lake Township closed down the landfill.

Landfill foreman Clifford Martin and Lake Township Police Chief Henry Stefanowicz closed the gates Saturday to the dumping area and refused entry to all but residents of Lake Township.

The township had earlier served notice to the borough that the landfill would be closed to borough residents May 31 unless the township received payment for its use. Lake Township chairman Walter Hoover said that the landfill will remain closed until a meeting could be arranged between the two communities to draw up a new contract.

Members of the Dallas Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs recently held a dress rehearsal of their "Country Style" skit to be performed at the Fete Champetre to be held at Penn State campus in Lehman this weekend. Participants in the skit are: Mrs. Leon Brokenshire, Mrs. Joseph Katyl, Miss Jill Sickler, Mrs. Donald Shaffer, Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. Walter Davidson, Mrs. Edward Barber, Mrs. Joseph Kaminski, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Glenn Case, Mrs. Robert Lutz, Mrs. Robert Beseker and Mrs. Evan Bonawitz.

Richard Cooper won the second annual .500 Memorial Day Lawnmower Race at High Point Acres, Dallas. A.J. Stevens took the second spot and Barney Reese was third.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Don Evans of Dallas Rotary presented the club's annual Book Award to two Dallas High Schools seniors on Monday. The awards are presented by the club to those students with high academic achievement. Winners were Terry Seizys and Jim Finnegan.

Susan Petty was the recipient of a \$200 scholarship from the Luzerne County School Secretaries Association.

Dallas Band Parents Associ-

ation recently presented awards to the seniors in Dallas High School's band and color guard. Recipients of the awards were: Anette Bethel, Jill Odell, Leslie Wolfe, Jane McGough, Cindy Steinkirschner, Denise Pugh, Joanne Krzanowski, Mona Sickler, Linda McDonald, Craig Duffield, Nathan Faut, Susan Dreher, Russell Paulsen, Eric Johnson, Kerry Kendig, Martin Neely, William Corcoran, Gregory Moyer and Cheryl Parsons.

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Dallas Senior Harry Schwepenhiser was this year's recipient of the Darren Breining Baseball Award presented annually in memory of Breining, outstanding Dallas player, who died of an illness contacted in the United Service. The award was presented by Dallas Coach Jack Wolensky.

The sound of saws and hammers may soon be replaced by talking and laughter as Harvey's Lake hotspot Joe's Grotto prepares to reopen. The famous pizza place will open its doors again within the next couple of weeks, according to owner Joe Paglianite. Although the entire building will not be finished this year, Paglianite plans to open the patio and gazebo areas.

The pizza bar and restaurant was destroyed by a huge fire on September 7, 1988. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.

Alan J. Finlay and Richard L. Pearsall, both of Dallas, were recently elected to the Board of Directors of Continental Bankcorp., Inc.

Finlay is president of Humford Equities, a real estate development and management firm with substantial interest in Luzerne County.

Pearsall is a Wilkes-Barre area business consultant and is president of Venture Associates Corporation in Ocala, Florida.

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"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS MOST ABOUT SCHOOL?"



"I'll miss my friends and my teachers."

Chase Benson
Dallas



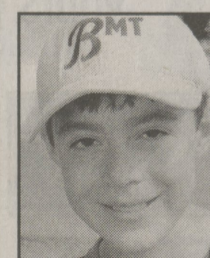
"I'll miss all my teachers who are a lot of fun."

Mitchell Benson
Dallas Middle School



"The kids - seeing them running around and how they enjoy my class."

Mike English
Gate of Heaven teacher



"Socializing with all my friends."

James Flores
Dallas



"Getting to see the kids every day because it's the best part of my job."

Abe Simon
Gate of Heaven teacher



"My teacher, Mrs. Tenenbaum, at Lehman-Jackson. She's nice."

Madison Federici
Lehman

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