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— Lynn Aldrich, Dallas resident



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lynn Aldrich, the last on the right in the bottom row, is shown among a group of Habitat for Humanity volunteers and Nepal citizens on a Habitat trip to Nepal she attended. Aldrich, of Dallas, is an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the North Branch Land Trust. She is also an associate professor of physics and the physics department chairperson at Misericordia University. Aldrich received the Pauly and Sidney Friedman Faculty Award for Service from Misericordia University at commencement exercises this past spring.

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cause I know a lot of people at Misericordia do service...It's nice to be recognized for what you've done," Aldrich said.

Aldrich joined the North Branch Land Trust as a member of a land committee in 1993 after attending a hike the organization was holding. The North Branch Land Trust was started in 1993 by a group of people from the Back Mountain who wanted to educate others on the importance of land conservation while providing owners the opportunity to continue to own, yet preserve their land.

In 1997, Aldrich became a member of the board of directors for the North Branch Land Trust. She currently serves as president of the board.

Aldrich, who has lived in the Back Mountain since she joined the Misericordia staff in 1988, acknowledges the area is changing as once rural land is being developed.

“What makes me feel peaceful is to be able to drive by beautiful

lands...and I think there's a part in every one of us that feels more at peace if we do that," Aldrich said. "I think the people who have lived here for a while have seen that change. We'd like to keep what's left here."

Aldrich started volunteering for the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity in 1997. She has worked to help build about one house a year locally and recently joined a building committee.

Aldrich also allows her students to do service learning for Habitat during class time. The students volunteer on home building sites and then must report on the physics of what they did.

A member of the International Habitat for Humanity, Aldrich has made trips to Taos, N.M. to build adobe homes and to Nepal to construct mud and brick homes. She has also been on two Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Projects through Habitat for Humanity to Detroit and Benton Harbor, Mich. in 2005 and the Gulf Coast (Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas) in 2008.

In addition, Aldrich served as a chaperone for two Misericordia

spring break service trips. One trip was to the Gulf Coast in 2006 to do cleanup after Hurricane Katrina and the second trip was back to Louisiana in March 2009 to build homes through Habitat for Humanity.

"I think they were amazed at how much still needed to be done because you hear about the disaster for a few months and then something else happens," Aldrich said of the students.

In her free time, Aldrich enjoys orienteering, a sport in which competitors use a map and a compass to visit points on a course, and geocaching, a scavenger hunt for containers with "treasure" items using the containers' geographic coordinates with Global Positioning System devices.

Aldrich was once on the U.S. Orienteering Team and competed internationally in New York, Canada and France. She also competed in a five-day orienteering competition twice in Sweden. She was named the U.S. orienteering female rookie of the year in her first year of the sport about 30 years ago and is a member of the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association.

BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

SENIOR LEAGUE

Back Mountain 16
Harveys Lake 4
Back Mountain Senior Little League finished the regular season with a 9-3 record.

Back Mountain defeated Harveys Lake, 16-4, behind the pitching of Kyle Caffrey. Josh Davenport took the loss on the mound.

Mark Malloy and Zack Yursha had three hits while Caffrey and Adam Paulaskas had two hits.

Kurt Barbacci and Josh Everett had two hits in the losing cause.

Back Mountain 9
Nanticoke 2
Back Mountain defeated Nanticoke, 9-2

Kevin Cope and Will Fulton combined to shut down Nanticoke while Joe Jeabowski was charged with the loss.

Adam Paulaskas and Kyle Caffrey had two hits for BMT while Nick Gavrish and Dave Decker had two hits for Nanticoke.

GWA First Liberty 5
Back Mountain 4
GWA First Liberty defeated Back Mountain, 5-4.

Mark Malloy took the loss while Ted Bone was the winning pitcher.

Malloy had a double in the losing cause and Don McDermott had three hits for GWA.

ROCK SOLID TEAM IS 28-2



The Rock Solid Boys 15U AAU Basketball team completed its season with a record of 28 wins and only two losses. From left, first row, are Bobby Saba, Dallas; Travis Buckner, Hazleton Area; Ryan Hoinski, Wyoming Valley West; James McCann, Wyoming Valley West; and Paul Brace, Dallas. Second row, Nate Spagnuolo, assistant coach; Frank Vito, Hazleton Area; Jon Gimble, Wyoming Valley West; Eugene Lewis, Wyoming Valley West; Shane Dunn, Dallas; and Doug Miller, head coach.

HL TEAM WINS TITLE



The Harveys Lake Senior League baseball team recently captured the regular season championship in the Wyoming Valley with a record of 10-2. Here, Fred DeSanto presents the championship trophy to the team. Team members are Cole Barbacci, Curt Barbacci, Tyler Bush, Justin Cornell, Cody Cutter, Josh Everett, Josh Davenport, Joe Faux, Kyle LeValley, Curt McGovern, Nick Shelley, Troy Shurites, and Dylan Wasyluk. Coaches are Dwight Barbacci, Brian Cutter and Joe Shurites.

Bulford reunion set

Descendants of John J. Bulford will hold their 88th reunion on Saturday July 18, at the home of John Fielding, Maple Tree Road, Loyalville.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert for the buffet lunch which will begin at noon.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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PANTRY

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"I remember looking at it and thinking, 'This is great, this is fantastic...this ought to get us through July,'" Stull said. "It's already gone. We're going through food today like we never have before."

Desired food items include children's breakfast foods, juice boxes, dry milk, muffin mix, applesauce, raisins, pancake mix

and syrup, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, instant puddings, Jell-O, assorted snacks, mustard, ketchup, pickles, olives, pasta sides and Hamburger Helper. Canned food items needed are carrots, potatoes, ham and spam, stew, chicken, chili, tomatoes and mixed vegetables.

The pantry cannot accept items with expired dates, homemade food or opened packages. It is currently not in need of green beans, corn and canned soups.

Cash donations are also welcome and are beneficial because the pantry can purchase food at discounted prices not offered to consumers.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the pantry's office in the basement of the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Additional food drop-off locations include Cook's Pharmacy in Shavertown, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas and Hilbert's Tractor Store in Dallas.

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