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Fundraiser remembers woman who loved ice cream and children

Ice cream social in memory of Audrey Billings raises funds for mission project.

A woman who loved sweet treats and helping others will be remembered at an ice cream social fundraiser set for 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 in the education building of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, Knob Hill Road.

The fundraiser will be held in memory of Audrey Billings, a Trucksville resident who died at the age of 89 last year. Patrons can make a free will offering in exchange for a bowl of ice cream and several toppings.

The event will raise money for Four Corners Native American Ministry, the church's mission focus for the month of August. Any money donated to the church in August will benefit this organi-

zation, a Navajo cooperative parish of the New Mexico Annual Conference.

Ruth Gavenus, of Kingston, fondly remembers her sister Audrey as a woman who "loved two things: ice cream and children."

"Ice cream was a very special thing to my sister. She ate a bowl of ice cream every night at 9:00 - that was the time for a bowl of ice cream and a cup of coffee," said Gavenus. "It was a special bond she had with all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When you came to visit Audrey, you had a bowl of ice cream and conversation.

"Besides ice cream, my sister loved children," said Gavenus continued. "This is an organization that helps youth."

For more information, contact the church at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved American comedian and film star Groucho Marx who made the following sage observation: "There's one way to find out if a man is honest -- ask him. If he says 'Yes,' you know he is a crook."

• The ancient Egyptians were known to use crocodile dung as a contraceptive.

• You may be surprised to learn that when the hit 1950s TV show "I Love Lucy" had its premiere, Lucille Ball was already 40 years old.

• Talk about sneaky: In order to get a photo of Bing Crosby in his coffin, The National Enquirer tabloid had a reporter dress as a priest and sneak into the private funeral service. To top it off, on his way out of the service, the disguised journalist told ABC reporter Geraldo Rivera not to pester the family at such a sensitive moment.

• Every year, about \$500 million is spent on beads for Mardi Gras.

• Ever wonder how the statuette taken home by winners of the Academy Awards got its nickname? Evidently, in 1931 a secretary at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences saw the statuette for the first time and exclaimed, "Why, he reminds me of my Uncle Oscar!" The comment struck the fancy of a reporter who was present, and he put it in a story about the awards, and the name stuck.

• Are you acersecomic? If your hair has never been cut, you are. Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was not himself a slave owner. He reportedly did not believe in the institution of slavery.

• If this is an average week, three manmade artifacts hurtling into the atmosphere from space will crash into the Earth.

Thought for the day: "The world is round; it has no point." - Adrienne E. Gusoff



YOUR SPACE

With her camera in hand, Sandra Mahle, of Maple Tree Road in Dallas, caught "Reese" as he cooled off on a hot July afternoon.

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should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

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20 YEARS AGO - 1992

Mercy Center Convent Auxiliary recently held an officer installation dinner at Pine Brook Inn, Dallas. Officers for the 1992-1993 term are Genevieve Cortsen, president; Pauline Rydzefski, vice president; Jeanne Heinbach, treasurer; Dorothy Kolankiewicz, assistant treasurer; Joan



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Geise, corresponding secretary; and Frances Dress, secretary.

Richard Alley, M.D. will be presented the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Eagle Scout Award at the 1992 North-eastern Pennsylvania Council's Eagle Scout Recognition Luncheon next Tuesday at Montage Manor in Moosic. Dr. Alley has served as the guiding force behind the Drugs: A Deadly Game program, among many scouting endeavors, and is renowned in the medical community for his achievements.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Robert Kelley, general chairman of the 1982 Luzerne County Fair, recently announced that Craig Tupper, Dallas, will be this year's vice chairman. Tupper, former president of the Back

Mountain Jaycees, is a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 1972.

Carey Falcone of Trucksville captured the world title at 66 pounds in the World Schoolboy Championships last Friday at the University of California, Fullerton. The 14-year old member of the back Mountain Wrestling Club pinned Anial Kumar of India in 52 seconds to take the title. Falcone went undefeated in his weight class.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

The drama began Tuesday morning at 7:30 when approximately 600 inmates at State Correctional Institution, Dallas, remained in their cells and refused to go to their assigned work for the day. It continued into the sleepy early hours of Wednesday morning, when the entire resident population voted to continue the strike despite 10 concessions arranged by Supt. Leonard J. Mack. The prisoners presented 90 grievances.

Robert Vanderhook and John Griffith of Boy Scout Troop 132 were presented Eagle Scout Awards by the Rev. Andrew Pillarella and Phil Nieman during regular church services at Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Dallas last Sunday. The two young men are the first scouts to receive the much coveted Eagle Award since the troop's founding in October 1970.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Noxen team of Bob Horlacher League won the pennant for the third successive year. In the past three years, it has won 42 and lost 11 of its 53 games. Members of the team are Leroy Scott, Richard Sevenski, Donald Spencer, Ricky Case, Terry Smith, Billy Spencer, Barry Smith, Charles Smith, Carl Shook, Ronnie Sorber, Terry Shook, Earl Boston, Marshall Schenck, Robert Timko, Loren Case and Dave Weaver.

Marie Kritchen entertained the Palsy Walsy Club at her home on Shaver Avenue, Shavertown, Thursday evening. Games were played and prizes won by Florence Alles and Ann Hefferman.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Devens and daughter, Mildred, were hosts to the directors, officers and employees of the First National Bank of Dallas and their families at the third annual outing of the bank staff at Devens' summer residence, Perin's Marsh, Tuesday afternoon. Among those who attended were: Dolores Adamshick, Carrie Foote, Loraine Keller, Nancy Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davies, Francis Barry, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Titman, Attorney and Mrs. B.B. Lewis and Jennie Hill.

Movies playing locally includ-

ed "Skirts Ahoy" starring Esther Williams and "The San Francisco Story" starring Joel McCrea and Yvonne DeCarlo at the Himmeler Theater, Dallas; and "Another Man's Poison" starring Bette Davis and "Only the Valiant" starring Gregory Peck and Barbara Payton at the Sandy beach Drive-in, Harveys Lake.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

A rationing board for the whole Back Mountain area will be established in Dallas before the end of August it was learned on reliable authority this week. Establishment of a board here will remove the necessity for frequent inconvenient trips to Wyoming and Shickshinny on the part of local residents and will greatly speed up the allotment of tires, sugar and gasoline for those who are entitled to them.

At local Acme Markets, a 24 pound bag of flour sold for 79 cents; two large loaves of bread sold for 17 cents; roasting chickens sold for 35 cents a pound; and homegrown sweet corn was 25 cents a dozen.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

"IF YOU COULD CHOOSE ANYONE AS YOUR MENTOR, WHO WOULD IT BE?"



"My mom because we have similar personalities. She goes out of her way to help people and knows how to have fun."

Vanessa Rich
Harveys Lake



"John Lennon because his songs are inspirational. I play the drums and like his message of peace."

Patrick Rich
Harveys Lake



"Bill Gates because he was so successful starting up Microsoft and because he was smart and did things right."

Rich Harrison
Edwardsville



"Martin Luther King was very inspirational. He didn't change his opinion to suit anyone and stood up for what was right."

Nicholas Hammon
Ashley



"Michael Jackson. He became famous. He followed his dream and lived life like he wanted to."

Allyssa Hammon
Ashley



"My mom. It's either her or God. She's the one I turn to."

Nicole O'Connell
Harveys Lake