Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, July 5 through July 8

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held on the library grounds from July 5 through July 8.

The auction is the main fundraiser for the community library and there are so many ways to lend your support. For starters, you can donate your gently used treasures whether they are precious antiques, toys, holiday items or household goods you no longer need. You can also really enjoy a visit to the auction any or all nights from Thursday, July 5 through Sunday, July 8. Plan on dinner and shopping in all of the tents.

You can also do your part by purchasing raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt made and donated by long-time Auction volunteer, Leslie Horoshko. “The quilt is called Goose Crossings and it is white with different shades of blue, mostly shirting prints,” said Leslie, who has donated over 15 quilts to the library over the years. “I finished it a while ago so it is interesting to see it hanging in the library now. It’s one that I really like.”

Leslie has been quilting for over 40 years and prefers it to watching television. She was also the Library Auction’s chairman or co-chairman of the Antiques Committee for the past eleven years and has a love of antiques. “This year I am helping to put the auction items on the computer,” said Leslie. “I also plan to help during the auction itself.”

For more information on how you can help with this community event, call the library today at (570) 675-1182.

Raffle tickets are available at the library and can be purchased for $2 each, three tickets for $5 or six tickets for $10.

The 72nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, Huntsville Road, Dallas.

Deadline for July issue of the Back Mountain Community News is Tues., June 26 at 12 noon.

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Dallas American Legion becomes non-smoking facility

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 voted on a non-smoking policy in the entire Post 672 building. After a spirited discussion, it was overwhelmingly approved that non-smoking would be instituted. To alert members, it was decided that it would go into effect as of June 1, 2018. Receptacles will be placed outside the Legion to accommodate the smokers.

Dallas Rotary supports local library

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, their guest speakers were from the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Library Director Martha Butler and the Children’s Librarian Jennifer Perch, discussed the founding of the library and what it has to offer the community. Mrs. Butler spoke about the technology updates at the library, the giving tree and the used book store which has the best bargains in town. Ms. Perch talked about the many programs for children, and the fact that the library has become a hub for tutoring. Following their presentation, a check was presented to them to help support the operation of the library. From left: Library Director Martha Butler, Dallas Rotary President Kim Reynolds, Children’s Librarian Jennifer Perch.

Final Safe Boating Class for the season offered at Harveys Lake

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-03 will offer the final Safe Boating Class for the season at the Harveys Lake American Legion, Rt. 415, 4907 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake, PA. This course qualifies those who pass to obtain their PA Boaters Education Certificate and Card, which entitles them to operate boats and personal water crafts on Pennsylvania’s rivers and lakes. They will offer eight hours of expert instruction during two classes on the following dates and time: Tuesday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 from 6 PM to 10 PM. You must be at least 12 years of age or older to participate in the class. Reservations should be made in advance so they know how many participants to expect. Contact Jim Johnson at 570-639-2898 for more information and reservations. The fee is $25.00 payable at the door on the first night of the class. The fee includes the Boating Safety Class Book.

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Kunkle Fire Company’s Annual Golf Outing announced

Kunkle Fire Company’s Annual Golf Outing - Captain & Crew - to be held Thursday, July 26th. Registration is at 11 AM and Tee-Off at Noon. Cost is $75/person and includes entry to all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, snacks, water, soda and dinner (dinner includes beer) and a chance to win various prizes. Prizes to be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin as well as flight prizes. Golf attire is suggested – collared shirts are required by the course.

Event will be held at the Irem Temple Golf Course on Country Club Road, Dallas. To register, call 570-675-3334. Individuals or companies interested in being a sponsor, please contact Kunkle31@epix.net or call 570-675-3334 for additional information and/or donation form.

Hole Sponsor Categories are: Fire Chief Sponsor $250 (includes large sized ad in golf brochure, one free week of advertisement for business or special event on Kunkle Fire Company’s electronic billboard and two free tickets for chicken halves at our annual bar-b-que); Fire Captain Sponsor $100 (includes medium sized ad in golf brochure); Fire Fighter Sponsor $50 (includes small sized ad in golf brochure). Door prizes donated with a value of less than $50 will have acknowledgement in the golf brochure.

Beef Dinner, Family Style

Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sweet Valley, will serve a beef dinner on Saturday, June 23. Dinner served 4:30 to 6:30. Take-outs begin at 4:00. Adults $12.00, children under 12 are $6.00 and children under 6 eat free.
Call 477-5121 for details

Open Mic-Night

The Bloomingdale Grange will be having an open mic-night on Saturday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. There is a PA system in the hall. Call 570-256-7610 if interested. Food is available.

Local Graduates, King’s College Commencement

Reading: Brandy S. Popple, Shavertown; Master of Science, Health Care Administration, Andrea M. Schiappa, Dallas; Criminal Justice, Margaret A. Michael, Dallas; Economics, Zachary M. Macosky, Dallas; Education, Nicole M. Dileo, West Wyoming, Brooke A. O’Brien, Dallas; Environmental Studies, Dante William DeAngelo, Dallas; General Studies, Jack W. Jones, Shavertown; History, John C. Erdman, Dallas; Spanish, Merrisa Konnick, Dallas; Theology, Michael J. Boris, Dallas; Bachelor of Science Biology, Bruno Walkowiak, Shickshinny; Chemistry, Dylan John Pegg, West Wyoming, Matthew James Sipsky, Hunlock Creek; Medical Studies, Ashley Rose Rood, Sweet Valley; Neuroscience, Jared Michael Hoats, Dallas, Symantha S. Sharon, Shavertown; Bachelor of Science Business Administration Accounting, Kellyann C. Anderson, Shavertown, Brandon H. Chuckan, Shavertown, Megan L. Johnson, Trucksville, Emily A. Kabalka, Harveys Lake, Alyx E. Koehler, Dallas, Chelsea E. Nugent, Dallas; Human Resource Management, Ivy C Rinehimer, Dallas; Management, Justin T. Brojakowski, Dallas, Rudy C. Geogetti, Dallas, Ryan Michael Geogetti, Dallas, George J. Pfeiffer, Dallas, Myron N. Romanchick, Dallas and John Van Scoy, Shavertown.
Wyoming Sem. Lower School Second Term Honor Roll - Back Mountain

Dr. Kathleen Hanlon, Dean of Wyoming Seminary Lower School, has announced the Back Mountain students named to the Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the second trimester of the 2017-2018 academic year.

High Honor Roll: Grade 6: Liam Davis, Trucksville; Benjamin Fenster, Shavertown; Trinity Kong, Dallas; Lucy Lew, Dallas; Giuliana Schineller, Dallas.

Grade 7: Armeen Ali, Dallas; Jakob Baur, Shavertown; Helena Prusak, Shavertown; Kelly Santo, Dallas; Claire Stretanski, Shavertown; Chase Taylor, Shavertown; Hamza Waseem, Dallas.

Grade 8: Sophia Kruger, Shavertown; Victoria Smulowitz, Shavertown.

Honor Roll: Grade 6: Samuel Comitz, Dallas; Todd Kindler, Dallas; Caroline Sordoni, Dallas.

Grade 7: Ella Barbacci, Harveys Lake; Gabriel deLuna, Dallas; Richard deLuna, Dallas; Aimsley Eidam, Dallas; Thomas Figura, Shavertown; Ruby Hackett, Shavertown; Tracey Kindler, Dallas; Maddie Olshemski, Shavertown; Grant Pryor, Harveys Lake.

Grade 8: Margaret Mihalick, Shavertown; Jessie Miller, Shavertown; Gweneth Tereska, Harveys Lake; Tyler Wood, Shavertown; William

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Local Travel Agent Passes The Travel Agent Proficiency (TAP) Test

Roberta Day Klein recently passed the Travel Agent Proficiency (TAP) Test. Developed by The Travel Institute and the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA), this standardized test measures the basic knowledge and skills of travel agent professionals and serves as a first step toward occupational professionalism.

Dr. Roberta Day Klein is the owner of Gifts from Above Inspirational Travel; located at 3130 Memorial Highway, Suite 100-102, Dallas, PA 18612. She plans customized group tours for church groups, non-profits, families, and special interest to the destination of your choice. For more information, you can visit www.giftsfromabove.info.

A resident of Dallas, Pennsylvania, Roberta Day Klein joins nearly 7200 other travel professionals who have proven their competency by passing the TAP Test. The test is administered on seven national testing dates at 100 testing locations across the United States, including Hawaii, Alaska and also on the Island of Guam. There were a number of travel industry organizations that contributed to the test’s development such as, Airlines Reporting Corporation (ARC), Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), and the International Airlines Travel Agent Network (IATAN) and several others. Travel organizations such as Marriott Hotels, AMTRAK, WORLDSPAN, Virtuoso, and Carlson Wagonlit Travel have also announced their support in endorsing the TAP test. The test is geared for recent travel school graduates and entry-level travel agents that want to earn an industry credential that can be listed on their resumes. Agency owners and managers are using the TAP test as a hiring tool for screening new, qualified employees.

The Travel Institute is a nonprofit educational organization founded in 1964. Based in Wellesley, Massachusetts, the Institute develops and delivers quality education and certification programs to enhance the level of professionalism in the travel industry. For more information about the Travel Institute’s educational courses, including the CTA/CTC certification program, please call (800)-542-4282 or access The Travel Institute’s web site at www.thetravelinstitute.com.

“Hoover Hike” planned to honor beloved Dallas Elementary School Music Teacher

Join us on Friday, June 22 when the entire Dallas School District’s student body, faculty, and staff will be participating throughout the school day between the hours of 10am - 3pm. in a “Hoover Hike” to honor their beloved Dallas Elementary School Music Teacher, Mr. Hoover who passed away in February. He spread his love of music with others as a music teacher at the Dallas Elementary School for 35 years.

We are asking the community to participate in the “Hoover Hike” from the hours of 4pm- 6pm. on the same day, Friday, June 22 at the Dallas Middle School Track. There will be a DJ, 50/50 raffles, a food tent, donations per lap station, and more. The link to order a shirt for the event is: https://hoover.itemorder.com. All proceeds will go to the Harold Hoover Music Scholarship Fund. Please consider donating. Rain date would be on Monday, June 25th.
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On June 1, 2018 Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will begin its no-smoking policy. I have heard many positive comments concerning this decision. Many of us realized that smoking remains the nation’s leading preventable cause of death and illness, causing more than 480,000 deaths each year and related illnesses. More people die every year from smoking than from murder, AIDS, suicide, drugs, car crashes, and alcohol combined. Last year, the adult smoking rate hit a new low of 15 percent which is down from the 42 percent of adults who smoked in the mid-sixties. Non-smokers must be given consideration also. Second hand smoke causes serious cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, including cancer. The American Cancer Society indicates the only way to be completely protected is to ban all smoking. We hope that this ban will have a positive effect on our Legion.

Hopefully, you attended and celebrated the annual Memorial Day observance at Chapel Lawn Cemetery. This holiday is to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military. Perhaps you wore a poppy which has become a symbol of loss of life and recovery and new life, especially in support of those servicemen who were damaged physically or emotionally. The poem, “In Flanders Fields” was penned by a Canadian soldier John McCrae in 1915 during the First World War and has come to symbolize the significance of the poppy. Take time to read this poem and revel in its profundity. We must not forget the Gold Star families who lost sons and daughters, husbands and wives. Because of families like theirs, all of our families can live in safety and live in peace. We honor those brave souls who have sacrificed so much, but please remember also the military men and women who are currently serving throughout the world so that the picnics, celebrations, and travel that you undoubtedly just experienced could occur in peace. As the current, popular song indicates, “I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN, FOR AT LEAST I KNOW I M FREE”. Appreciate that freedom and reflect on the cost paid by so many. Perhaps when the round-about is finally finished, Post 672 will feature a true parade as in the past.

Issa Dahdal and Joe Caccia who attended Boys State last year informed me that they were chosen to act as counselors this year. Joe also recruited two friends and one, Brandon, attended our Legion monthly meeting and his petition was approved and submitted for payment.

Our next monthly meeting on June 5 will consist of voting for next year’s officers. Commander Parks urges all members to come and vote. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

Flea Market planned

Bloomingdale Grange, Silo/Grange Hall Road, Bloomingdale (rural Shickshinny), Saturday, June 16th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Table rental $5. Call 570-256-7610 and food will be available.

Congratulations

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Glass Wall Hangings by Maria Livrone

Maria Livrone, of Plains, will be showcasing her display of glass wall hangings at the Back Mountain Memorial Library throughout the month of June.

Maria has been creating art since the mid-1980s starting with stained glass and then moving to pottery, fiber arts, and fused glass with the help of a kiln. A self-described artistic soul, she found a way to incorporate all of these mediums into her work.

Maria describes her designs as anything but conventional and refers to her glass hangings as “wall jewels”. Maria is a Master Artisan with the PA Guild of Craftsmen and has had work shown in over 60 galleries throughout the USA and Canada. “I am happy to do what I love to do. It is my life force and I can’t go a day without creating” states Livrone. All are welcome to view the glass art display on the Art Wall at the Back Mountain Memorial Library throughout June.
Timeless Treasures to go over the block at this year’s 72nd Annual Library Auction

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“It’s been a passion of mine since I attended the auction as a kid when it was in the old building across the street and Ernie Ashbridge was running it,” said Michele Geise, one of this year’s Antiques Committee co-chairmen for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Michele and her husband Gerard own the Dallas Centre Hardware store on Main Street which they bought from Michele’s parents.

“I just love the classic beauty and timelessness of a piece of antique furniture. It’s like owning a piece of artwork.” Michele and Diana Getz, her co-chairman, started to acquire pieces for this year’s auction last fall. That gave them time to see what was available so they could provide a nice mixture of items for the auction, which is scheduled for July 5-8.

“We have a gorgeous, mid-19th century two-drawer mahogany stand with Bird’s Eye Maple trim, some ‘Gone With the Wind’ lamps, very early 20th century toys, and some nice glassware like cranberry glass, yellow ware, and cut glass,” said Diana, who owned The Hitching Post antique shop for many years. “We are very fortunate because we get a lot of support from the local antique stores and dealers. They are really very generous.”

The Antique Committee also relies heavily on donations. People who are looking for a loving home for their life-long treasures are asked to consider donating them to support this jewel of a library. Also, if you are looking for that unique piece, be sure to come out and bid at the auction.

“You just can’t find things made like this anymore,” said Michele. “To me, it’s a privilege to be able to experience the things that somebody took such care to make. It’s like having a piece of history.”

This Victorian walnut marble-topped hall stand, round oak china cabinet and rose carved Victorian chair will all be sold over the block at the 2018 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

8th Annual Support our Veterans Ride

The American Legion Riders Post 495, Shickshinny, PA will be hosting their 8th Annual Support Our Veterans Ride on June 10th, 2018. The ride will begin at our post at 575 State Route 239, Shickshinny, PA. We are located approximately 3 miles from the red light on Route 239. Registration will be from 9-11 am. Cost is $15.00 rider $10.00 passenger, includes food, soda, water. Walk-Ins $15.00. Rain or Shine event. Benefits veteran causes. Non-riders are encouraged to participate to help our veterans. Any questions please call Sheila Brandon 570-855-8964. Shown above in photo, front Edwin Dauch. Second row: Jim SiepTietowski, Barb Titus, Linda Bronson, Alice Turner, Nathan Jacoby, Barb Jacoby, Sheila Brandon. Standing behind are: Dave Bronson, Ron Juett, Terry Daltroff, Mike Brandon, Bill Timms, Tom Fox, and Ron Titus.

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The Dallas Rotary Club will be taking in a female exchange student from Chile through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. She will be attending Dallas High School for the 2018-2019 school year. They are in need of three-and-a-half months but be in your hearts forever. She is hoping to become a part of your family and be involved in daily life activities. She will come with her own spending money and health insurance. Host families provide room and board. It is a great experience for the entire family! A host family can be single parents, retired couples, families with children, or no children. The host family needs to live in the Dallas School District area.

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For more information contact Melissa Saxon (Dallas Rotary Club Youth Exchange Officer) Telephone number: (570) 852-9591 or email: msaxon75@gmail.com.

Food Pantry hosts No Hungry Tummies Program

The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry have created a summer nutritional program to provide extra food for school age children during the months of June, July and August.

The children are home all day and cannot take advantage of school breakfasts and lunches. They might otherwise go hungry except for the extra assistance given by this innovative program. While all non-perishable foods are needed and welcome at any time, the greatest needs to make this program work are breakfast and lunch foods that children can easily open and prepare for themselves. These items include: cold cereal, instant oatmeal, canned milk, peanut butter and jelly, juice, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, Spam, canned fruit, soup, granola bars, and prepared Jell-O and pudding.

Individuals or groups wishing to donate nonperishable food may call the pantry at 696-2917 for additional information or to arrange a mutually convenient time for our volunteers on duty to receive the food.

Food may also be dropped off at the following locations during regular operating hours: Cooks Pharmacy, Rt. 309 in Shavertown, Hilbert’s Tractor Store, Rt. 415 in Dallas and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rt. 118, Dallas. Monetary donations may be mailed to the Back Mountain Food Pantry, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708. The food pantry is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry wish to thank everyone for their support all year long.

VFW Service Officer available to help Veterans at Senator Baker’s Dallas Office

State Sen. Lisa Baker, invites veterans to utilize the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Officer Network to receive free information and assistance for government benefits including VA healthcare, compensation, pension, education and dependent benefits. Surviving spouses can also use these Service Officers at no charge to learn about their eligibility for VA benefits.

On Friday, June 8, a VFW Service Officer will be available for scheduled appointments at Sen. Baker’s office, 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Memorial Highway, Dallas. All veterans, not just VFW members, can request appointments between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment please call (570) 675-3931.
Dallas High School, Third Marking Period Honor Roll

Mr. Jason H. Rushmer, Dallas High School Principal, announces the third quarter honor roll. The honor roll is determined by the following: Honors With Distinction: 98-100, no C’s, D’s, or F’s. First Honors: 93-97, no D’s or F’s. Second Honors: 88-92, no D’s or F’s.


Gary A. Michak Lake Fest Ride, charity for Single Parent Families

The Gary A. Michak Lake Fest Ride 2018 is a charity bicycle event to support the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA. The charity ride will be held in conjunction with Lake Fest at Harvey’s Lake. The ride will be held Saturday, August 4th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Start location will be at the Lake–Noxen Elementary School, 135 West Point Ave., Harvey’s Lake. (Registration online or on location at 7:30 a.m.).

From a shorter bike ride for the entire family to a full 33-mile adventurous pedaling extravaganza for the seasoned cyclist, the Gary A. Michak Lake Fest Ride 2018 has a route for everyone. Whether you’re a cycling enthusiast or more of a recreational pedal pusher this bicycle ride in honor of Gary A. Michak will be a rewarding experience as we raise funds towards helping single parent families get Day Care at the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA.

Gary Michak dedicated his life to giving back to others. He taught martial arts to children and adults, ran a successful law practice, and during the last year of his life campaigned for a Magisterial District Judge position in the hopes of creating a safer, stronger Back Mountain community.

Anyone wishing to help carry on Gary’s legacy by supporting the Gary A Michak Lake Fest Ride 2018 as a rider, sponsor or donor can sign up online at rideforgary.org. Our goal is to raise $20,000 for children at the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA. We hope everyone will join us in achieving our goal and enjoy a day of fun and festivities. The “Ride for Gary” committee is collaborating with Lake Fest, the YMCA, and numerous bicycle clubs, and is expecting a tremendous turnout for the event. We will also have a vendor table at Lake Fest for promotional items to be distributed to the larger community throughout the day! For additional information please call Sue Grabowski at 570-255-5503, or log on to the committee’s website at rideforgary.org.

Ride for Gary” committee members shown outside the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, from left, are: Randy Kemmerer, Jennifer Brennan (YMCA Director of Education and Child Care Services), Rich Brown, Jim Thomas (Chief Executive Officer YMCA), Sue Grabowski, Thomas Michak, Courtney Michak, and Ariana Michak. Absent from photo are committee members Charlie Hayes (Photographer), Lauran Hall, Jennifer Abruzzo, Sean McGrath, Joe McHugh, Frank Picchi and Mike Rush (Lake Fest Chairman).

Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table plans meeting

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA. The program for the evening is entitled “Women Soldiers in the Civil War.”

There are hundreds of documented cases of women who fought disguised as men during the Civil War. Tracey McIntire and Audrey Scanlan-Teller will discuss and share documentation of some of the more fascinating women and what motivated them to fight alongside men.

Tracey is a Battlefield Ambassador at Antietam National Battlefield, a Historical Interpreter at South Mountain State Battlefield, a certified Master Docent at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and an active Civil War historian, where she portrays a woman soldier in various guises. Dr. Scanlan-Teller has portrayed a Civil War enlisted soldier for historical interpretive demonstrations, a published scholar and public speaker, a Master Docent at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and an active interpretive volunteer at Antietam National Battlefield Park and South Mountain State Battlefield Park.

The program is open to the public. A three-dollar donation will be accepted for non-members. New members are always welcome. For information contact John at (570) 675-8936.

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72nd Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction -- “Where friends and family gather”

Bill Peiffer and his sister Pat are the Co-Chairmen for the 72nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction scheduled for July 5-8.

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

The 72nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held from Thursday, July 5 through Sunday, July 8 with a rain date of July 9. The grounds at the library open each day at 5 pm and auction bidding begins at 6:30 pm. There is street parking available in the neighborhood but people are encouraged to use the free shuttle bus service from Thomas’ Market in the Irem Country Club Shopping Center running continuously each day from 4 pm. “We have two buses this year and one is handicapped accessible,” said Pat Peiffer, who along with her brother, Bill Peiffer, are co-chairs for this year’s auction. “G. Davis Bus Company is providing the buses so, let us do the driving for you!”

Besides the fact that the annual auction is the main fundraising event for the library, it is also a lot of fun and a great place to meet up with friends and family. The auction has something for everyone from great deals, wonderful food and fun for the whole family. In fact, Thursday, July 5 is deemed Family Night and your favorite Super Heroes and Disney characters will be walking the grounds. “There will be special crafts, games and other activities available for the children,” said Martha Butler, Back Mountain Library Director. “Bid Time Stories will be held on the other nights and involves activities inside the library’s Children’s Room. Be sure to use the back entrance.” There will be a juggler for Bid Time Stories on Friday from 6 to 7 pm and it will be followed with a Reptile Show from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. On Saturday night from 6-7 pm, there will be a furry creatures and bird show. Making animals and other fun things with balloons will be the activity from 6-7 pm on Sunday followed at 7:30-8:30 pm with “Slime Making.”

This year in addition to the usual vendors like Earth and Wears of Dallas, new vendors will be selling things like wooden coasters and Christmas tree shapes decorated with sports themes. There will also be lathe woodworking items like pen and pencil sets and wine stoppers. Pure Suds will be on hand to sell soaps, lotions and bath bombs.

The food is always one of the biggest highlights of the four-day event so be sure to go there hungry. Chef John Hudak is running the large concession stand this year. He will be featuring the traditional items in addition to some new dishes and some healthful fare. Vendors will also be selling everything from pizza, potato pancakes, root beer floats and almonds to kettle corn, funnel cakes, fried Oreos and ice cream.

Auction continued on the next page.
Meadows Auxiliary Sponsors Oscar Party for Residents

Volunteer Appreciation Week at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center’s Auxiliary recently sponsored an Oscar Party for the residents of the center. Votes were cast by family members, staff and volunteers for categories including funniest, best dressed, best hair, nicest nails, most helpful, etc.

The reactions from the winners, who received mini Oscar statuettes, were priceless. This program was another example of how the Auxiliary and its over 100 active volunteers works diligently to enhance the lives of the Meadows residents through caring, service and commitment. Shown in photo, front from left are: Dolores Baer and Norma Allabaugh, residents; Elyssa Pollock, Activities Aide and Cynthia Sickler, Activities Director. Second row from left, residents: Carol Lopatofsky; Jessie Hagenbaugh; Stella Killeen; Susan Howard and Mary Price. Third row from left are: Nancy Space, Volunteer; Leif Chalouhi, Volunteer; Camille Fioti, Volunteer Director; Betty Prutzman; Volunteer; Sue Worth, Volunteer and Katie Cilvik, Activities Aide.

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Shavertown United Methodist Church Fine Arts to present Crossflame Youth Choir and Orchestra in concert

On Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 PM, Shavertown United Methodist Church Fine Arts will present the 60 member Crossflame Youth Choir and Orchestra in concert. Crossflame, from St. Luke’s UMC in Hickory, North Carolina is making its 23rd consecutive summer concert tour under the direction of Ron Sinclair. Previous tour locations have included Canada, Scotland and the eastern portion of the United States. In addition, Crossflame has appeared twice as part of a Sunday afternoon concert with an all-star cast at the Grand Ol’ Opry in Nashville, TN. A free will offering will be taken to support Crossflame’s tour. Pictured above is Crossflame Youth Choir. Church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave. Shavertown.

Back Mountain Food Pantry Holds Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry recently held their annual meeting to review the annual budget, monetary and food donations, operations and the services provided to meet client needs. The food pantry serves more than 250 households with more than 1,000 people being helped in the Back Mountain. It also provides Thanksgiving and Easter dinner baskets for more than 200 registered families who apply for assistance. The pantry will once again conduct the “No Hungry Tummies” program this summer to provide food for more than 100 children who are not in school to receive their breakfast and lunch meals. They must rely on food being in the home, and this program ensures that there is always something there for them to eat all summer long.

The food pantry is totally staffed by volunteers and relies on the generosity of the public for food and monetary donations to keep this vital service available to those who need it. The board is grateful to our volunteers and the community for your support. Monetary donations may be sent to the Back Mountain Food Pantry, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708. The food pantry is a 501(c)3 approved charity, and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Donations of nonperishable food may be delivered to the food pantry or the following off-site locations: Hilbert’s Tractor Store, Rt. 415, Dallas; Cook’s Pharmacy, Rt. 309, Shavertown; and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, off of Rt. 118, Dallas.

Seated from left: Incoming Vice President Joseph Reilly, Mary Ann Popielarz, Dave Kovalek, Kate Hayes, Treasurer Crys Jennings. Standing from left: Food Pantry Manager Carol Eyet, Incoming Secretary Dave Bradbury, Joseph Banks, Incoming President Bob Stiff, Past President Cal Sutton, Trucksville UMC Board of Trustees member James Barto, Publicity Chairperson Sandy Peoples. Board members not available for the photo: Tom Oliver, Wayne Long, Pastor Steve Perillo, Bill Long, Garden Manager Bob McGuire and Food Pantry Assistant Manager Joe Hardisky.
Why not meet your family and friends at the Dallas Rotary Club rain or shine Wine and Dine Festival on June 23 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas for a day of fabulous wine tasting, great food, creative crafts and live entertainment from four bands all day long.

Dozens of vendors (wineries, food vendors and crafters) will be selling their products at the event, and there will be live music all day long for your entertainment and enjoyment. Tickets are $15.00 if purchased in advance, and $25.00 at the gate on the day of the event. Designated Driver tickets will be available at the gate or on line for $5.00. And they are again offering VIP tent amenities for only $40.00 with an entrance time of 12:00 p.m. Live entertainment will include: Iron Cowboy, Flaxy Morgan, Big Daddy Dex and the Dan Reynolds Duo. The list of wineries is extensive this year, at least 16 in all.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the following retail locations: J&J Deli, Dallas; Hilbert's, The Tractor Store, Dallas; Pierce Drugs, Kingston; Valentine’s Fine Jewelry, Dallas; Nimble Hill Vineyard & Winery, Tunkhannock; Gerrity’s Supermarkets in Hanover, Luzerne, West Pittston and Wyoming. They can also be purchased online at DallasRotaryWineandDine.com. Explore the website for more information on the wineries and vendors.

The Dallas Rotary is pleased to have one of their major sponsors returning to support their fundraising event: Century 21 Smith Hourigan Group. Proceeds from this event support their many local community projects such as a Christmas shopping spree for 45 children, a Christmas party and luncheon for the Dallas Active Adult Center, an auction and raffle to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry, book scholarships for graduating high school seniors, dictionaries for third graders and much more.
Volunteers of the Meadows Auxiliary are gearing up for the 34th annual Market on the Pond which will be held on Saturday, June 16th from 9am to 3pm on the center’s scenic grounds at 4 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas. This very popular event will feature 120 vendors offering a variety of goods. Market on the Pond is the Auxiliary’s largest fundraiser and proceeds benefit the residents of the Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. The rain date is June 23rd. The Auxiliary is asking for donations of raffle baskets or gift cards. A large number of raffle baskets have been donated by the community already and are currently on display in the lobby of the center. Chances can be purchase for $1 each and the drawing will be held on the day of the event. Last year, a record 100 baskets were donated, in addition to a large variety of gift cards.

The community is also invited to donate items that can be used for various Auxiliary-run booths at the Market. Acceptable donations include new or gently used household odds and ends, soft and hardcover books and plants. Electronics, household appliances, magazines, clothing and large exercise equipment will not be accepted. Donations can be brought to the center on the following Saturdays: June 2nd and June 9th from 9am to noon. An Auxiliary volunteer will be available to help on those dates. Other times can be arranged by calling the Community Services Office at (570) 675-8600 ext. 195 or 115.

Shown in photo above are from left: Marcia Barbose; Rose Ann Bauer; Ann Kline; Betty Prutzman and Norm Johnstone. Standing behind from left are: Camille Footi, Volunteer Director; Lynn Muchler-Stash; Sam Barbose; Anne Gill; Carle Welter; MaryAnn Size; Diana Berry; Fran Dierolf; Gary Kirk and Amy Belles, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator.

“Market on the Pond” to be held at the Meadows June 16th

Meat Loaf Dinner planned
Loyalville United Methodist Church is having a meat loaf dinner on Saturday, June 9. Serving from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Come & enjoy homemade food & great fellowship!

Adults are $9 and children under 12 only $3.50. Takeouts available, call 570-477-3521 and leave message with phone number, and number of dinners, and pickup time.

Watch for signs. Church located 1/2 mile off 29 south - 9 miles from Noxen - turn left onto Loyalville Road - church 1/2 mile. Off Route 118 - 4 miles west of Dallas, turn right onto Loyalville Road (approximately 3 miles - church is on the left.

Harveys Lake Web Book Published
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Back Mountain Memorial Library Announces Summer Story Times

Beat that old summertime cry of “there’s nothing to do!” by signing your young child up for Summer Story Time. These sessions are a great way to teach children the value of books and learning, while they are also practicing social skills and using their imaginations.

Registration for the Back Mountain Memorial Library’s Summer Story Times begins on Tuesday, June 5th at 9:30 AM. Children can be signed-up by either calling the library at 570-675-1182 or stopping by in person. All sessions will run for 8 weeks beginning the week of June 18th and ending the week of August 13th. Story times will not be held the week of the Auction. Four sessions are available based on the child’s age.

Children 12 months old to 2 years old can attend Toddler Time, which is held on Tuesdays from 9:45 am to 10:30 am. There will be a short session of stories and songs for approximately 15 minutes. Then children and caregivers can enjoy free play with toys especially for infants. This session is designed to introduce children to a short structured activity, playing in a group, and the magic of books.

Children 2 years old to 3 years old can join Mother Goose on the Loose, held Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. There will be a longer session of stories, songs, and activities for approximately 30 minutes. Basic concept learning such as rhyming, opposites, and colors will be woven into the fun. After the guided activity, there will be open play with Wee Build Manipulatives.

Children 3 years old to 5 years old can choose between two sessions, either Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am or Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Sessions will include more advanced stories based on a weekly theme and include making a craft to help develop fine motor skills. Participants are welcome to stay after the session and play with the Wee Build Manipulatives, use the early literacy computers, and explore the library’s extensive collection of picture books.

All sessions are free of charge. Caregivers must plan to stay, interact, and enjoy the sessions along with their children.

“Libraries Rock!” Preview: Keep watching for more information on this year’s Summer Reading program! Otto the Auto – Friday, June 29th at 11 AM (ideal for children 4-7), featuring the 3-foot-tall talking car who teaches children about safety.

Early Readers – Mondays at 1 pm, starting June 18 (No sessions July 2nd or July 9th) – for children just completed K or 1st Grade, Donuts and Discussion – Ages 9 – 12 years old– 4 dates, with Books and Incentives – (Read all books and attend all sessions, and get to add a book to the Library collection in the young reader’s Honor!)

Tuesday, July 10th @ 6 pm – The War I Finally Won by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Monday, July 23rd @ 6 pm – Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliet

Monday, August 6th @ 6 pm - Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Monday, August 13th @ 6 pm – Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins.

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- Your money grows TAX-FREE in a Roth IRA (however, contributions are NOT tax-deductible like they are with a traditional IRA) so no matter what your tax bracket is in retirement (past age 59 ½), your distributions will be free from taxation.
- You can make non-deductible contributions to a Traditional IRA, and those contributions should never be taxed once withdrawn (must keep track of non-deductible contributions carefully)
- Roth IRA rules allow you to withdraw your contributions out at any time without penalty or tax implications (NOTE: this applies only to contributions, NOT earnings – those earnings would be taxed and then penalized 10% for early withdrawal if you are under age 59 ½); traditional IRAs do not allow for this.
- Traditional IRA rules allow you to withdraw your money out early (before age 59 ½) at any time but there is a 10% penalty for doing so (there are also several exceptions where the IRS will waive the 10% early withdrawal penalty).
- You never need to take money out of a Roth IRA if you don’t need to, unlike a traditional IRA where at age 70 ½ you must take start taking annual RMDs (required minimum distributions).
- You can also contribute to a Roth IRA even if you are past age 70 ½ if you still have earned income (you cannot contribute to a traditional IRA once you reach age 70 ½).
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- There is NO guarantee that the IRS and/or the U.S. government will never change the tax status of Roth IRA earnings in the future (possibility of being taxed could always happen), ex: Roth IRA recharacterizations have gone away with the new 2018 tax laws.
- You need to have a crystal ball to determine whether tax rates will be higher, lower, or the same as in the future when you retire, which will determine the true effectiveness of Roth IRA compounding investments vs. traditional IRA compounding investments over time (read this last point as “it’s not easy to figure this out!”)

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Dallas Lions Club presented a new sign to the Back Mountain Memorial Library

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

On Saturday, May 26, the Dallas Lions Club presented a new sign to the Back Mountain Memorial Library to replace the 70-year-old sign that has been given a place of honor inside the library.

“The Back Mountain Memorial Library has always been one of the Dallas Lions Club’s favorite community assets over the years and we thought it would be a good project to replace the sign,” said Don Berlew, a member of the Lions Club who spoke at the presentation. “But we wanted to maintain the traditional look of the sign which has been for many years one of the most recognizable symbols of the library.”

Andy Popielarz, from Keystone Landscaping donated his time to construct a new flower bed for the sign. The Lions Club used small grants including one from Lions District #14. Dallas Borough Council also contributed. In addition, PA Senator Lisa Baker and Representative Karen Boback are lending support for the Lions Club to receive some other grants to help fund the project. Several other local businesses also contributed time or materials for the project which includes two time capsules. Both contain various pictures and mementos of the area.

The Dallas Lions Club is always looking for new members, men and women, young and old. All are welcome to attend any meeting held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Leggio’s Restaurant. You can also support their various community projects by signing up for the annual golf tournament scheduled for September 27 at Irem Temple Country Club followed by dinner at Appletree Terrace all for just $85. Applications are available at the library.

“We are grateful for the long standing support the Lions Club has provided to the library,” said Martha Butler, Library Director.

Photo right: Andy Popielarz, owner of Keystone Landscaping, got some help from his family with the finishing touches on the flower bed for the new sign at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. From left are: children Mary, Marie, Andrew, and wife Chrissy with Andy Popielarz.

Photo above are: Members of the Dallas Lions Club on hand for the sign presentation to the library from left are John Oliver, Borough Councilman, Frank Rollman, Jack Williams, Don Berlew, Jack Wega, Dan Corbett, Lions Club president, Joe Kester, and Paul Kutney.

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Dallas Rotary Club awards annual book scholarships

Several area high school students, who will be college bound this fall, were recently presented with checks for $500 each to help offset their expenses for books during their first semester on campus. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than $100,000 in book scholarships since the inception of the program more than 50 years ago.

It has been an honor and a privilege for the Rotary Club of Dallas, an all-volunteer community service organization, to share in the dreams of our best and brightest young people from Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest Area School Districts. They received their scholarships at a recent dinner held in their honor at the Irem Country Club in Dallas with their parents and siblings in attendance.

The funds to support the scholarship program and other Rotary outreach programs are raised at two major fundraising events: the Wine and Dine Festival in the spring and the Golf Tournament in the fall. This year the wine festival is on Saturday, June 23 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Rt. 118, Dallas, and the golf tournament is on Monday, September 17 at the Irem Country Club, Dallas. Shown in photo, seated, from left are: Joshua Ferris (Dallas), Madison Klopp (Lake-Lehman), Lacey Carey (Lake-Lehman), John Macey (Dallas).
Bridal Buzz & Amore

Ciao everyone! Finally, nice weather. That is good for business. There is a lot more traffic going through Center Street now. I recently received a supply of boho style dresses, in vivid colors. They are a one size umbrella style rayon dress. Perfect for the hot weather to come. I have been hanging them outside and getting an increase in foot traffic. It is a great way for customers to stop in and realize that we are not only a bridal accessory shop, but a trendy boutique as well. I can design a multi-color earring to match any dress for only $5.00. Scarves are in vogue all year round. They can make a very plain outfit dressy. We have a huge inventory in stock, and many are imported from Italy.

I have noticed that there are more weddings this year than last. Brides are not waiting until last minute to place an order like they did last year. I have orders for fall and winter weddings. This is very promising for the wedding industry. From speaking to brides, I have found out that there are less brides doing a destination wedding, as was the trend the past 5 years. That is great news for the local florists, bakers, tuxedo stores and limousines companies. When there is a destination wedding those businesses lose sales because of the distance where the reception is held. The majority of couples are opting to get married locally and book local wedding halls. Some couples are also choosing to get married on a Friday or Sunday. The bonus of a Friday or Sunday wedding is the price may be less.

I never get tired of looking at pictures of wedding gowns on the cell phones of brides. Lace gowns with sweetheart necklines are very popular this season. To complement the lace of the gowns, a veil with a plain pencil edge and a cluster of lace on the top back side of the veil is a perfect match. If you are planning a wedding, stop in and I can show you several options to perfectly match your wedding dress.

News from the Back Mountain Memorial Library

Library Calendar and upcoming events: It’s time to make plans for your young children to learn important skills while having fun at Summer Story Times. Registration for the Library’s story hours will start Tuesday, June 5, at 9:30 AM. Sessions will run for 8 weeks with the exception of the week of the Library Auction. There are 4 sessions to choose from, based on the age of the child, starting with toddlers and up to 5-year-olds. Story Times will start the week of June 18 and end the week of August 13. Please call the Library to sign up, or stop in to see us.

“A Checkerboard of Nights and Days” Author presentation. Irandukht Fahmy will give a talk and book-signing of her recently-released book on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 PM. Sub-titled “A Memoir of My Cultural Journey”, this personal account of one woman’s immigrant experience vividly presents the beauty of her childhood in Iran as well as the joys and challenges of her life in America. Call the Library to reserve your place.

The “Take the Stage” theater group will open their summer season with performances June 15 and 16 here at the Library.

Boback to Move Dallas Legislative Office

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming) announced that her local legislative office is moving to a new location in Dallas. Starting Thursday, May 24, the office will be located at 105 Lieutenant Michael Cleary Drive. “During this move, I’m looking forward to a smooth transition, so we can best deliver the same service to our constituents,” Boback said. The phone number for the office remains (570) 675-6000. Constituents are encouraged to contact Boback for assistance with state-related issues. Additional information and state resources are available online at www.RepBoback.com.

Boback Announces June Outreach Hours

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming) today announced her outreach events and satellite hours for June. Representatives from several different organizations will offer assistance at her district offices throughout the month. Please note these events are weather permitting. “My staff and I are here to help with state-related issues,” said Boback. “I offer these monthly hours to ensure residents of the 117th District can access many of the great opportunities for veterans assistance, help with federal issues, information about starting a small business, and more.”

A member of Boback’s staff will be available at the following locations: Tuesday, June 12, at the Hunlock Township Building, located at 33 Village Drive, Hunlock Creek, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tuesday, June 19, at the Benton Township Community Center, located at 16043 Route 407 in Fleetville, from 10 a.m. to noon. Wednesday, June 20, at the Falls Senior Center, located at 2813 Sullivan’s Trail in Falls, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 6, the American Legion will hold office hours at the Tunkhannock district office, located at 133 West Tioga St., Suite 4, in Tunkhannock from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A claims consultant from the American Legion will provide the assistance. Area veterans may seek assistance and information pertaining to specific benefits and programs. Additional meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Veterans outreach hours will be offered on Tuesday, June 19, at the Dallas district office, 105 Lieutenant Michael Cleary Drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A claims consultant from the Wilkes-Barre Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will be on hand to address questions and concerns of local veterans and their families. Also on Tuesday, June 19, a representative from the Center for Independent Living will be available for appointments at the Tunkhannock district office. Please call the Tunkhannock office at 570-836-4777 to make an appointment.

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