

Library news

Library hosting exhibit of fancy decorative tins

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The Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing a collection of fancy decorative tins in the display case, borrowed from staff member, Nancy K. The center of the display features a large round tin from Mrs. G's chocolate chip cookies of Kingston; with two specials on either end, one is D. Lazzaroni & Co. - Saronno (Milano) fabbrica di Biscotti-Amaretto di Saronna, which is really small biscuits and the other is the Avon Mother's Day canister for 1982 inscribed with "Mother-another word for love", in an octagonal shape.

There is a tall red Pennsylvania Dutch decorated pretzel tin; a square Christmas tin - Potpourri - from Greensboro, NC; and a special designed Ian Logan Assa, England from Macy's in New York, shaped like the store. There is a Walt Disney blue canister from Walt Disney's World in Orlando, Florida, which I purchased 8 years ago; and it includes Pimnochio, the dwarfs, Mickey and Donald on the tin. One special can from Ocean City, N.J. from the Famous Biscuit Co. featuring Home Made Ginger Wafers, canister designed by Damer, Long Island, N.Y. Another special tin is green floral holiday octagonal shaped made in England for Avon in Christmas of 1981. The display includes splashes of color, pine cones and pine branches and makes a festive display. The tins will be at the library until Feb. 3.

The annual drive for Book Club members is under way and we would like to have 225 members by December 31, 1988. The Book Club is a unique organization of the library which is a way for the

library to obtain some current books through funds given by book club members. The annual dues is \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for a double membership. This money is put into a special account and books are purchased for Book Club members only for the first six months, after which the books are incorporated into the library regular reading shelves. 1987 members reached 207 which meant \$1,900.00 was spent for books for this special shelf. The Book Club also has an afternoon meeting once a month at the library with a short business meeting, interesting programs and light refreshments to which members and friends are invited. Join the Book Club, enjoy reading the current best sellers and help your library purchase new books. Membership dues may be paid at or mailed to the library.

We take so many things for granted in our daily lives—the gas we cook on, the water we drink, the electricity that lights our home. We take some of our community institutions for granted, too. The public library, for instance. It is a place that has a lot of books but it also has a lot more. It is a busy workshop where persons of all ages can seek knowledge. Your free public library is part of your American heritage. Use it often—it pays!

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, announces the addition of the following Memorial books to their collection in the previous months:

In memory of Lynda Akers, "Peterson's Guide to Colleges with Programs for Learning Disabled Students" presented by Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Miskiel.

In memory of Sarah N. Hall, "Nursing, the Finest Art" presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford.

In memory of Thomas Landon, Sr., "The Biographical Dictionary

of Scientists: Chemists" presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Kline.

In memory of Robert J. Oley, "The First Eden" presented by Jane McMichael.

In memory of Mrs. Francis Duffy, "Northrup Frye on Shakespeare" presented by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Banks.

In memory of Eloise F. Titman, "Encyclopedia of Art, Vol. 17" presented by Charles S. Frantz, Mrs. Thomas H. Atherton, L.M., West & Millie Kear.

In memory of Lewis J. Reese, "Baseball Record Companion and The Baseball Encyclopedia Update" presented by Mary T. Reese.

In memory of Martha Robinson, "Audubon Society Nature Guide-Atlantic and Gulf Coasts" and "Field Guide to Animal Tracks" presented by Mrs. Edward Eyerman, Jr.

In memory of Delmar F. Giberson, "Jacques Cousteau's Amazon Journey" presented by Ed, Mary, Chris and Karen Legenz.

In memory of Martha Robinson, "Woman in the Mists: The Story of Dian Fossey & the Mountain Gorillas of Africa" presented by Mrs. Elsie T. Wilson.

In memory of Helen N. Chismer, "Dictionary of Gems and Gemology" presented by Godchild, Cheryl Miskiel.

In memory of Mrs. Doris Decker, "Free To Be-A Family" presented by Donna Lehman.

In memory of Alice Lozo Crocker, "A Field Guide to the Beetles of North America" presented by Frances & Ambrose Gavigan.

In memory of Elizabeth Davies, "Taylor's Guide to Shrubs" presented by the Joseph J. Bren family.

In memory of Mrs. Harold Titman, "The Chicago Manual of Style" presented by Lewis S. Wolfe.

Back Mountain on the move

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JEFFREY HEYDT of Bulford Road, Shavertown was injured in an auto accident on Saturday when the car his mother was driving slid on the snow covered road in Jackson Twp. Judith Heydt driver was not injured while Jeffrey was treated at the hospital.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT on the Harveys Lake Highway the same day, this one around 2:30 on Saturday afternoon left a Wilkes-Barre woman in Wilkes-Barre General's intensive care unit. 19 year-old Christina Grey was trapped in the vehicle for over an hour while rescue units were working to remove her. Lori and I were returning from a shopping trip when we approached the accident. Traffic was tied up for a long time and PennDOT trucks were all you could see up in front of the line of traffic. 3 of them each in a different lane of traffic blocked the cars from continuing toward the lake. It was obvious that on the other side of these monsters something terrible was happening.

GREAT BEGINNINGS Fitness Center in the Fernbrook Plaza has been bringing all sorts of "good health and fitness" programs to our Back

Mountain since its opening just a couple years ago. The newest and most exciting one is a Saturday exercise for kids, little kids beginning with 5 or 6 years olds. Now parents think about this seriously, Saturday, all day is cartoons on TV with chips, candy, and all the junk food you can muster up to keep the kids quiet. Replace it with healthy exercise, aerobics, games and fun with good health in mind. In the next few years instead of wondering why kids are all fat anymore we can change their habits and get a thinner, trimmer healthier generation of teenagers. Great idea Diane, as soon as my granddaughter is old enough I'll present her with a gift certificate to good health and exercise at Great Beginnings.

BARBARA STRAZDUS of East Dallas, better known as Mama Straz to all the guys, friends of her sons, send special get well wishes to her. Barb had some minor surgery done, is home feeling great, and back on her regular routine. The message is, glad you're OK Mama Straz, you had us guys all worried for a while.

TENA ZEKAS, Shavertown, has been a surgical patient in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital this past week. We send her our love and wish her a speedy recovery.

WALTER HOOVER and his wife, Mary of Lake Township have both been patients in Nesbitt Hospital since the week after Christmas. Mary's hospital visit was a planned one for a knee replacement surgery while Walter's was a surprise one. We sure hope both are recovering fast and are reading this week's Dallas Post from their home not their hospital beds. Mr. Hoover retired as Lake Twp. Supervisor as of January 1 after 38 years in the office, this is not a good way to begin his retirement. Get well soon both of you.

MR. AND MRS. ALEX REBAR of Lehman have returned home from an extended vacation in Los Angeles, California. They spent six weeks visiting their son Alex 3rd and his wife and doing some extensive touring of California. They spent their 50th anniversary at Santa Barbara where they celebrated with their son and his wife. Alex 3rd is an actor-writer in California and he left no stones unturned as he showed his parents around in his territory. Welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Rebar, you are both always such a highlight in my day when you stop in to say hello. Mr. Rebar is well known to most Back Mountain residents as our photographer of many years. He followed us through the years in Dallas Junior Womens Club and many of our children as they grew up and married, a special couple, the Rebars.

MR. AND MRS. ALVIN CRAGLE, Lehman spent a couple weeks in December traveling in the Los Angeles, California area. They returned home just in time for Christmas. Accompanying them on the trip was son, Todd and his friend Wanda. They spent some time with Mrs. Cragle's sister and enjoyed the beauty of the poinsettias in the area for the holiday celebrations.

Alvin and his wife enjoy many trips of combining business with pleasure and seeing our great country as they travel. This trip was exceptionally beautiful as everything was decorated with live-poinsettias for the season.

ALL GOOD THINGS must come to an end and so it is with our college kids Christmas vacation. Most of the Penn State kids left on the weekend to go back to Main Campus, Karen Banks, Jackie Hillman and Stan Davis, all work part time at Stapinski's when they're home and all left us to go back to their second semester, we'll miss them, good luck to all of you.

DARCI DAVIS, GAIL THOMAS AND LORI HILLARD are leaving tomorrow to go back to Liberty University in Virginia. They have been home for one short month and we'll really miss them, probably won't see them now until spring break. To all of our college kids, good luck and good grades are sent with you in '88.

No one should be exempt from keeping up with the changing income tax forms

Pennsylvania taxpayers will notice a number of significant changes when they begin working their federal income tax forms for the 1987 filing year, according to Larry C. Jenkins, Penn State Cooperative Extension economist. While a number of "tax breaks" are no longer available, personal exemptions and the standard deduction are somewhat more liberal than in past years.

The 1987 personal exemption is \$1,900 for most taxpayers, except high-income taxpayers, for whom the exemption is phased out beginning at an income level of \$149,250.

The extra exemption for taxpayers who are blind or elderly has been eliminated. However,

the standard deduction is larger for these taxpayers, and there is an extra standard deduction for them that will offset, to some degree, the loss of the extra exemption. This extra standard deduction is available only if the taxpayer does not itemize.

Taxpayers who qualify to be claimed as a dependent on their parents' tax return must be claimed there; that is, they are not permitted to claim an exemption on their own tax return. This change eliminates the former practice of choosing the return on which the exemption would be claimed and, in some cases, the claim of two exemptions for the same individual.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986

reverts to the use of a standard deduction, rather than the zero bracket amount, as an alternative to itemizing deductions. The amount of the standard deduction for 1987 depends on age of the taxpayer and other individual factors. Taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older or blind receive the larger deduction in 1987 that will not be available to most taxpayers until 1988. Special rules apply to an individual who is claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer.

The amount of the standard deduction for taxpayers under age 65 and not blind is \$3,760 for married people filing jointly and for qualifying widows, and \$2,540 for single persons and

heads of household. If the taxpayer is age 65 or over or blind, the standard deduction is \$5,000 for married people filing jointly and for qualifying widows. For single persons who are 65 or over or blind, the standard deduction is \$3,000. Taxpayers who are heads of household and who are age 65 or over or blind to have a standard deduction of \$4,400 for 1987.

The standard deduction for an individual who can be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return is reduced from the above amounts. The standard deduction for such an individual is the greater of \$500 or the individual's earned income up to the usual standard

deduction amount, that is, \$2,540 for a single person under 65 and not blind.

An additional standard deduction is provided by taxpayers who are age 65 or over or blind on the last day of the tax year, that is, on December 31, 1987. The additional standard deduction is \$750 for single taxpayers and heads of household \$600 for taxpayers who are married filing jointly or married filing

separately and for qualifying widows.

The extra deduction applies on an individual basis. Thus, for a married couple, both of whom are over 65, the extra standard deduction will be \$1,200. A married taxpayer who files a separate return is allowed the additional standard deduction for his or her spouse if the spouse had no gross income and is not the dependent of another taxpayer.

Commonwealth Telephone planning major construction

Commonwealth Telephone Company will spend \$29.9 million in 1988 for capital construction and service improvements throughout its 20 county service area, announced Jack H. Thomas, Commonwealth's executive vice-president.

In Dallas and surrounding communities, Commonwealth will invest over \$6.1 million for expansion and improvements. Of this figure, \$765,000 will be used to install new computerized equipment in the Trucks-ville central office to switch

customer calls. With this new technology, customers in the Trucks-ville area will have the option to choose custom calling features such as call waiting, call forwarding, speed calling, and conference calling. \$167,000 has also been allocated for additions to the computer equipment serving the Dallas area.

Thomas said the improvements slated for Dallas area are part of the company's comprehensive plan that will ultimately benefit thousands of Commonwealth customers throughout

Eastern Pennsylvania. In terms of state-of-the-art computerized equipment, Commonwealth is one of the leading companies in the country. By the end of 1988, Thomas noted, Commonwealth


expects to have 69 percent of its dial tone lines served by computerized switching offices, which will ultimately result in more efficient, improved customer service.

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