

2006 dog licenses available

HARRISBURG – Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff today reminded Pennsylvanians to purchase their 2006 dog licenses.

If an animal is spayed or neutered, the annual license is \$6. If it is not, the license is \$8. Lifetime licenses may be purchased for \$51, or \$31 if the animal has been spayed or neutered. Senior citizens and people with disabilities pay reduced fees. Li-

censes are required for all dogs more than three months of age. Dog owners may apply for a 2006 license by either: Downloading and completing the Dog License Application found at www.agriculture.state.pa.us and returning it, along with a check or money order, to your county treasurer; or, visiting your county treasurer's office to file an application or pick up a list of agents who sell the licenses.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins when a quake of an estimated 8.6 magnitude on the Richter scale slams the Mississippi River Valley near New Madrid, Mo. The earthquake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet. At one point, the Mississippi River momentarily reversed direction, giving rise to Reelfoot Lake in northwest Tennessee.

- On Dec. 12, 1901, Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission 2,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean from England to Canada, disproving detractors who told him that the curvature of the Earth would limit transmissions to 200 miles or less.

- On Dec. 18, 1916, Betty Grable is born in St. Louis. During World War II, she became a top box-office draw and was voted "favorite pin-up girl" by American servicemen. Paramount had Grable's legs insured for \$1 million.

- On Dec. 15, 1939, "Gone With the Wind" premieres in Atlanta. The film, based on Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, became an instant hit, breaking all previous box-office records.

- On Dec. 14, 1947, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) is founded in Daytona Beach, Fla. It was the first formal organization for stock-car racing, a sport said to have begun with souped-up bootlegger hot rods during Prohibition.

- On Dec. 13, 1957, the last two-seater T-bird is produced. Through 1957, Ford's Thunderbirds were jaunty, two-seat sports cars that boasted removable hard tops and powerful V-8 engines.

- On Dec. 17, 1963, the U.S. Congress passes the Clean Air Act, a sweeping set of laws designed to protect the environment from air pollution. It was the first legislation to place pollution controls on the automobile industry.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- According to statisticians, Christmas is the most deadly day of the year for Americans: On Dec. 25, there are, on average, 12.4 percent more fatalities than on any other day of the year - and that doesn't count seasonal-depression suicides and turkey-carving accidents.

- It's still not known who made the following sage observation: "After the unexpected has happened, there is always someone who knew it would."

- It's been reported that the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge - for reasons unclear - rode a mechanical horse up to three times every day. President Andrew Jackson kept his racehorses at the White House, and President Warren Harding played poker there twice weekly.

- Researchers report that for the average 160-pound man, 29 pounds of that weight is just the skeleton.

- A newspaper in New Jersey discovered something odd about a medical examiner's report. After a brief investigation, their findings were published: "The medical examiner's office filed a report based on clinical observation that listed the cause of death as pneumonitis, or a bad cold, but an autopsy found Mr. Acevedo had died of multiple gunshot wounds to the head."

- Chimpanzees are the only primates - other than humans, of course - who have been known to hunt for meat in the wild.

- It's not terribly unusual in Scotland to order your breakfast oatmeal topped with Scotch.

- Lollipops are 99 percent sugar.

- For the first 12 years of its existence, that ubiquitous office staple Liquid Paper was called "Mistake Out."

Thought for the Day: "Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands." - Ambrose Bierce

PLATES ON DISPLAY AT BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY



Lucy Reilly, a resident of Shavertown, has put her collection of McDonald's plates on display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Reilly, who is 10 and a student at Wilkes-Barre Academy, has a collection of about 25 plates. The different themes include the Olympics, World Children's Day, Halloween and Ronald McDonalds and the Hamburger.



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Over time, progress spread across open field, barn then shed then garage, a chain of utility for the farmer. To the rest of us passing by, this contrast of manmade structure against nature's free flowing lines, is the sort of pretty picture that's always just beckoned from down the road.

LIBRARY NEWS

The following new books and books on CD have been added to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

EXPRESS

(1 Week Loan)

"S is for Silence" by Sue Graf-ton

FICTION

"Lie by Moonlight" by Amanda Quick

"Forever Odd" by Dean Koontz

"Once Upon a Christmas" by

Lauraine Snelling and Lenora Worth

"Gabriel's Angel" by Nora Roberts

"Facing Rushmore" by David Lozell Martin

"Soldier of God" by David Hagberg

"Get a Life" by Nadine Gordimer

NONFICTION

"Oh What a Slaughter" by Larry McMurtry

"Opus Dei" by John L. Allen

"Phenomenon" by Sylvia Browne with Lindsay Harrison

"The Allure of Horses" photographs by Bob Langrish

"Bowhunter's Guide to Accurate Shooting" by Lon E. Lauber

"Where God was Born" by Bruce S. Feiler

"Talk to the Hand" by Lynne Truss

BIOGRAPHY

"Mother Angelica" by Raymond Arroyo

REFERENCE

"The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2006"

YOUNG ADULT

"Journalists at Risk: reporting America's wars" by George Sullivan

"The Fight for Peace: a history of antiwar movements in America" by Ted Gottfried

"Smoking 101: Aan overview for teens" by Margaret Hyde and Dr. John F. Setaro

"101 Questions About Reproduction: Or how 1 + 1 = 3 or 4 or more" by Faith Hickman Brynie

"The Brave Women of the Gulf Wars: Operation Desert Storm & Operation Iraqi Freedom" by Karne Zeinert and Mary Miller

BOOKS ON CD

"Raising Your Spirited Child" by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka

"Jarhead" by Anthony Swofford

"King Kong" by Edgar Wallace

"Around the World in Eighty Days" by Jules Verne

70 YEARS AGO Dec. 13, 1935

KINGSTON TWP. BEGINS WPA PROJECT

Several WPA projects have been started in Kingston Township and several more are under consideration to be inaugurated soon. The grading and laying of a stone base, and the surfacing with gravel of Warden Avenue, Trucksville, is underway and the crossroad between Porter Michaels and Charles Cease farms in the Carverton section of the township will be improved. The first project will employ fifty-seven men; the second forty-seven men for about three months.



ONLY YESTERDAY

Football fans from Kingston Township will pay enthusiastic tribute to their championship football team at a dinner on Monday night in the recreation rooms of Shavertown M.E. Church. Besides clinching the championship of the Back Mountain League, the township team took a majority of the positions on The Post All-Conference team, announced today.

Rural mail carriers in this section knew this week that Christmas was less than two weeks away. The volume of mail at the Dallas post office jumped sharply this week and carriers distributed heavy loads. To prevent disappointment among people who are delaying their mailing of Christmas packages Postmaster George T. Kirkendall this week listed deadlines on dates for mailing

60 YEARS AGO Dec. 14, 1945

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TURNED ON IN DALLAS

Dallas is aglow again with the lights of Christmas. From 5:30 p.m. until around midnight each evening the brightly colored lights add to the Yuletide spirit. This year, the lights have been extended some 2,500 feet. They are now strung from

Jack Richardson's Garage to Memorial Library and from the R.L. Brickel residence to beyond the Light Company Building on Church Street.

Students of the Senior Class of Lehman Township Schools will present a dramatic version of Booth Tarkington's famous novel, "Seventeen" in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. this evening Friday December 14. William Johnson will portray the role of Willie Baxter, the love-smitten adolescent, and Ann Husted will play Lola Pratt, the pretty girl from another town whose summer visit creates a variety of sensations among the circle of Willie's friends.

With almost three times their quota of \$6,000 already in the bag, Dallas Women's Club members are making an enviable record in the last War Bond Drive. To date they have raised \$16,221.90 by personal solicitation. The drive closes December 31. Members who have earned their pins for selling at least ten bonds are: Mrs. Harriet Thompson, Mrs. W.H. Bonn, Miss Josephine Stem, Mrs. Wesley Moore, and Mrs. Niles White.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 9, 1955

WARDELL, SCOTT NAMED TO POST'S

John Wardell was elected president of the Kingston Township School Board, and D.T. Scott was named president of the Dallas Borough School Board during individual meetings held before the joint board meeting Monday night. Harry Ohlman and Lewis LeGrand presented certificates of election to the borough boards members.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Downd, 33 Gordon Street, Dallas, have received word that their son Ralph is in London with the Marines. Completing a course in counter-espionage in Washington recently, Ralph is not in the courier service. The day he left for Washington, October 5, after a 21-day leave spent in Dallas, Ralph was made a corporal. A 1954 gradu-

ate of St. Mary's High School, Ralph enlisted in the Marines a year and a half ago.

Maurice K. Goddard, secretary of Department of Forests and Waters, has announced that early ordering of tree seedlings for reforestation purposes is advisable.

Insuring reservation of stock for next spring requires compliance with the February 15th deadline for ordering. Since the supply of all species is limited, orders will be given preference as received.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 9, 1965

LOCAL PROPERTY CONSIDERED FOR INDUSTRY

According to a recent report from Wyoming Valley Industrial Fund, bolstered by active interest from U.G.I. officials and the architectural firm of Lacy Atherton and Davis, the potential of a 58-acre piece of land in Dallas Township is being considered. It is large enough, in the estimation of these organizations, to accommodate two large industries of high caliber, or two moderate size industries and four smaller ones.

A Dallas officer has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the Air Force. Captain Robert C. Winters, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Winters of 95 Claude Street, received the medal at Forbes AFB, Kan., for his achievement during flights of international significance.

Workmen this week were in the process of demolishing a large storage shed on Lake Street to allow more parking for the Commonwealth Telephone Company.

Frame building, 46-by-42 feet behind the old Devens Home, was a tract brought by the utility and included the Himmeler Theater.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 11, 1975

ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY ORDINANCE SOUGHT At the December 4 meeting,

Harveys Lake Borough Council also instructed solicitor John Thomas to prepare for their passage an anti-pornography ordinance for the Borough of Harveys Lake. Vice President Robert Wintersteen and Mayor Mark Connolly spoke in favor of the ordinance. Connolly asked for the resolutions passage saying he feels, "how a community deals with obscene matters directly relates to its morals." Wintersteen said he backed the ordinance because, "We have two of the leading dealers living right here in the borough."

The art committee of the Back Mountain Bicentennial Celebration to be held June 4, 5, and 6 will sponsor an art contest featuring pictures of "yester-year." The contest will be open to all Back Mountain residents.

The pictures will be judged in student and adult divisions. A small entrance fee will be charged and cash prizes will be awarded.

The Dallas Woman's Chorale has been busy this holiday season presenting concerts throughout the area. The chorale is composed of women from both the Dallas Junior and Senior Women's club.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 11, 1985

GINOCHETTI WINS FIVE SWIM MEDALS

Patty Ginochetti won five first-place medals in five events during the fourth Annual Wilkes-Barre YMCA Masters Holiday Plunge, which was held Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Dr. David Kistler Pool, Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Ginochetti, mother of four children, is wife of John Ginochetti, owner of Gino's Shoe Store. The Ginochetts reside in the Back Mountain.

The Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre is still accepting registrations for its initial Indoor Teener Soccer League for 15-, 16- and 17-year-olds.

Ed DeMichele, athletic director, announced that the league will play its games on Monday nights in the spacious CYC indoor soccer gymnasium.

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