

FARRELLS DISPLAY COLLECTIONS AT LIBRARY



The Farrell family of Dallas has put its various collections on display this month at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. Hudson, an 8-year-old third-grader, is displaying his Lego creations. Six-year-old Alyssa is displaying her carousels, gifts from her parents and grandparents. And 5-year-old Cameron helped his father and brother to put together a collection of Denver Broncos souvenirs. Alyssa is a first-grader and Cameron is a kindergarten student. The Farrell children are home-schooled. From left are Hudson, Alyssa and Cameron Farrell.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Jan. 23, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell is granted a medical degree from Geneva College in New York, becoming the first female in U.S. history to be officially recognized as a physician.
 - On Jan. 26, 1905, at the Premier mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered. The "Cullinan," the largest diamond ever found, was cut six months later. After nearly shattering the diamond on his initial attempt, the mine manager satisfactorily divided it with his second blow - and promptly fainted.
 - On Jan. 28, 1937, the prototype of the Rolls-Royce Wraith made its first test run. Following World War II, the first model was called the Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith, and it became the principal luxury sedan sold by Rolls-Royce for decades to come.
 - On Jan. 29, 1958, creating one of the most enduring of Hollywood marriages, film stars Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward wed. The couple became politically active, and Newman was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve on a United Nations Conference on Nuclear Disarmament.
 - On Jan. 25, 1961, reading a prepared statement from a podium in the State Department auditorium, President John F. Kennedy becomes the first U.S. president to hold a live televised news conference.
 - On Jan. 24, 1972, after 28 years of hiding in the jungles of Guam, local farmers discover Shoichi Yokoi, a Japanese sergeant who was unaware that World War II had ended. Yokoi, left behind by the retreating Japanese forces, went into hiding rather than surrender to American forces.
 - On Jan. 27, 1985, the Cold War couldn't stop one of the stalwarts of capitalism, Coca-Cola, from setting up shop behind the Iron Curtain. Coke announced plans to sell its all-American soft drinks in the Soviet Union, 12 years behind PepsiCo.
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- A funeral in Lyon, France, was attended by many mourners, including Jacques de Putron, a friend of the deceased - and a ventriloquist who decided to use his talent to cheer up the grievers. In a moment of stupefyingly bad judgment, Putron threw his voice, making a cry of "Let me out!" come from the coffin. Due to the shock, the deceased's widow, Claudia Sassi, collapsed and died on the spot.
- Author Kurt Vonnegut is probably best known for his novel "Slaughterhouse-Five," which was published in 1969. Vonnegut himself called it an anti-war book. But he also said, "Anti-war books are as likely to stop war as anti-glacier books are to stop glaciers."
- If you take a look at the state of Florida on a map, you can't help but notice that it's got quite a bit of coastline - 1,800 miles of it, in fact. That's nothing, though, compared to Alaska: The northernmost of the United States has 6,640 miles of land along the sea. And that's not even counting the shores of the state's roughly 1,800 islands - if you add that in, the grand total is a whopping 33,900 miles.
- French carmaker Renault must have used some creativity to come up with the names for some of its models: The Kangaroo Express, the Twingo, the Traffic and the Clio Saloon were all marketed in Europe.
- "If you look like your passport picture, you're too sick to travel." The author of that quotation remains unknown, but you can bet that he or she was a seasoned traveler.
- Try to wrap your mind around these numbers: A typical cargo fuel ship can carry 600,000,000 pounds. Its anchor alone weighs 17 tons.

Thought for the Day: "Critics search for ages for the wrong work, which, to give them credit, they eventually find." - Peter Ustinov
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Barrel staves collapsing into a meadow? Shed disintegrating into the Earth? Alas, it is nothing more sinister than Adirondack chairs marking time and a solitary place in the yard until a milder season returns.

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Special donations, new books added to library

The following new books, books on CD, and special donations 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)

"The Memory of Running" by Ron McLarty

FICTION

"April Shadows" by V.C. Andrews
"Fear the Night" by John Lutz
"A Private Hotel for Gentle Ladies" by Ellen Cooney

NONFICTION

"Tunisia" by Daniel Jacobs and Peter Morris

MYSTERY

"No Reservations Required" by Ellen Hart

REFERENCE

"Greater Delaware Valley Industrial Buying Guide" 2006

BOOKS ON CD

"The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger
"Our Endangered Values" by Jimmy Carter

"The Lighthouse" by P.D. James

"Trump Nation" by Timothy L. O'Brien

"Shakespeare: the biography" by Peter Ackroyd

"The Bad Behavior of Belle Cantrell" by Loraine Despres

"Two Lives" by Vikram Seth
"First Impressions" by Jude Deveraux

"Hark!: a novel of the 87th precinct" by Ed McBain

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"Belle Ruin" by Martha Grimes

"Shadowed" by Jerry B. Jenkins

"Spell of the Highlander" by Karen Marie Moning

"The Darwin Conspiracy" by John Darnton

"A Dollar Short" by Karin Gilespie

"Adored" by Tilly Bagshawe

"The Power of One" by Bryce Courtenay

"Code Orange" by Caroline B. Cooney

"Rebel Angels" by Libba Bray

"Where the Great Hawk Flies" by Liza Ketchum

"Raven's Gate" by Anthony Horowitz

"Shadow Life: a portrait of Anne Frank and her family" by Barry Denenberg

"The Rodale Book of Composting" by Deborah L. Martin and Grace Gershuny

"The Adventurous Gardener's Sourcebook of Rare and Unusual Plants" by William C. Mulligan

"The Encyclopedia of Natural Insect and Disease Control" by Caroline Boisset

"Gardening with Groundcovers and Vines" by Allen Lacy

"Rodale's Landscape Problem Solver" by Jeff Ball

"Foolproof Planting" by Anne Moyer Halpin

"Let It Rot!" by Stu Campbell

"The Plant Growth Planner" by John Kelly

"Growing Plants from Seed" by John Kelly

"A Creative Step-by-Step Guide to Climbers and Trellis Plants" by John Feltwell

"Evening Gardens" by Cathy Wilkinson Barash

"The Exotic Garden" by Richard Iverson

"Vines and Climbers" by Warren Schultz

"The Exuberant Garden and the Controlling Hand" by William H. Frederick

70 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1936

MOTOR CLUB

SEEKS HIGHWAY AID

The movement for a by-pass to skirt Luzerne's business section and shorten traveling time between Dallas and Wilkes-Barre moved several steps nearer realization this week with the result that several leaders hoped for a beginning of construction the spring.

At its annual meeting the Wyoming Valley Motor Club decided to urge Luzerne County

Commissioners to include an item for property damaged in their 1936 budget so the improvement can be started this summer.

60 YEARS AGO Jan. 25, 1946

OLIVER BROTHERS BUY FATHER'S FIRM

Kenneth and James Oliver, sons of the late James R. Oliver, one of the outstanding automobile men in Northeastern Pennsylvania, have formed a partnership and purchased the interest of the James R. Oliver estate in the business established in Dallas by their father.

The firm will shortly open a new building at the corner of Market and Goodwin Streets in Kingston where it will continue to distribute Hudson Motor cars. It will also continue to maintain its retail outlet and garage in Dallas.

Dallas Township High School will begin a magazine sales campaign next week. The commissions which the school will receive

from subscription sales will be used to purchase an electric scoreboard which will be the first in the Back Mountain area. Two years ago a movie projector was bought by the youthful salesmen.

Although the meat supply here is below normal, local meat dealers and restaurant owners believe it will last for another week is Back Mountain housewives continue to be as fair-minded as they have to date. There has apparently been no rush of buyers to stock up on choice cuts of meat or grab the last pieces on display.

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 27, 1956

DALLAS-FRANKLIN VOTE FOR LAKE-NOXEN

The Dallas, Franklin and Monroe Township school board members approved a seven school district jointure at a special meeting Tuesday night in the high school, with all members present and unanimously in favor of including Lake and Noxen Townships.

Norti Berti was elected fire chief at the annual meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Monday night. Mr. Berti, who has a genius for friendship and being on hand when there is a need, replaces James Besecker, who recently tendered his resignation after having held the position for 20 years.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 20, 1966

VAULT AT SCHOOL FINALLY OPENED

It was a 10-day struggle, but the vault door at Lake-Lehman High School is open as of last Thursday. Stubborn resistance to attempts of a safe-cracker

from Acme Locksmith left the vault still impervious with its records, keys and a small amount of cash lying within.

On Thursday, the vault clicked open under the assault of a special tool dreamed up by the locksmith. With high school principal Anthony Marchakitus waiting anxiously, custodian Varner offered to be the guinea pig. He stepped inside and swung the door shut. Seconds later, he was out again proving the vault has a safety device on the inside.

Dr. John A. Blase was inducted as the president of the Kiwanis Club of Dallas at an impressive ceremony at Irem Temple Country Club. Blase succeeds outgoing president Robert Dolbear. Dr. Blase has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for 10 years and has an 8-year record of perfect attendance. Dallas Kiwanians also paid tribute to Mitchell Jenkins, who has completed 30 years of dedicated service to the club.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 22, 1976

PLANNING COMMITTEE FORMED AT LAKE-LEHMAN

A long-range planning committee was formed and its director named by the Lake-Lehman School Board at its most recent meeting on Jan. 12. Formation of the committee was characterized by school board president Arnold Garinger as "a significant step in the development of our school's curriculum."

Named to the new committee was John Oliver, assistant principal. The committee will be comprised of 19 members and will include six parents, three members of the community - one from each of the school's founding districts - three students, three teachers, one administra-

tor, and one "classified district employee."

The new officers of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association were elected at the Jan. 14 meeting of the association. The officers are George Sabaluski, Sweet Valley, incoming president; Harold Darrow, Shavertown, outgoing president; Ted Newcomb, Shavertown, vice president; and Jack Dodson, Kunkle, secretary-treasurer.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 22, 1966

CRIME WATCH STARTS IN KINGSTON TWP.

Kingston Township officials gathered last Thursday to mark the dedication of a newly-created Neighborhood Crime Watch program at Sunrise Estates in Trucksville. The program is first-ever organized subdivision of the six that exist in Kingston Township. Under the direction of crime watch coordinator Harold Shelly and sector coordinator Chet MacMullen, residents of the committee meet once a month to obtain information and discuss problems they may be experiencing.

Whenever mention is made of the State Correctional Institute at Dallas, most people think of prisoners serving time for crimes for which they have been convicted. But not this time. This time, the prisoners are spending time doing something good for the community.

This past week, inmates made positive news by participating in two worthwhile projects. For the first time, inmates of the "Lifers" association - all of whom are serving life sentences - worked with local Scouts in the buying and selling of Girl Scout cookies. The inmates sold the cookies to fellow inmates to benefit the Lehman chapter of Girl Scouts.

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