

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On May 10, 1869, the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads, making transcontinental railroad service possible for the first time in U.S. history.
- On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. The broadcast marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of silent-film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.
- On May 14, 1944, "Star Wars" filmmaker George Lucas is born in Modesto, Calif. Lucas was the first director to hold out for ancillary rights, and in the 20 years following the release of "Star Wars" he sold more than \$3 billion in merchandise based on the movies.
- On May 13, 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon's car is attacked by an angry crowd while traveling through Caracas, Venezuela. The incident dramatized anger over America's failure to address the pressing economic and political needs of many Latin American nations.
- On May 9, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill. Development of "the pill" was commissioned by birth-control pioneer Margaret Sanger and funded by heiress Katherine McCormick.
- On May 8, 1973, on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, armed members of the American Indian Movement end their 71-day siege of Wounded Knee and surrender to federal authorities after White House officials promise to investigate their complaints of broken treaties.
- On May 11, 1981, reggae legend Bob Marley dies of cancer in Miami Beach, Fla. Marley, born in Jamaica in 1945, formed his band, the Wailers, in 1963. In the early 1970s, the band's records began to catch on outside Jamaica, assisted by Eric Clapton's cover of "I Shot the Sheriff."

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- Did you know that bamboo is actually a kind of grass? Reaching heights of up to 130 feet, it's the world's tallest grass, in fact.
 - Walter Winchell, famed newspaper reporter of the early part of the 20th century, once made the following shrewd observation: "The way to become famous fast is to throw a brick at someone who is famous."
 - Many of us who grew up watching the popular PBS series "Sesame Street" don't realize that the show's original title was "The Preschool Educational Television Show." I imagine "Sesame Street" was easier for youngsters to remember - and pronounce.
 - "Casino" means "place of entertainment" in Italian.
 - It's been reported that TV personality Oprah Winfrey learned to read before she was 3 years old.
 - It's fairly common knowledge that the Civil War started at Fort Sumter in South Carolina, but many salient details of that encounter are more obscure. The fateful hour was 4:30 a.m., when a 67-year-old supporter of secession named Edmund Ruffin fired the first shot, a task he volunteered to perform. The official records say that over the course of that day and the next, the fort was hit by a grand total of 3,341 shells from cannons; miraculously, though, not a single Union soldier was injured during the barrage. There was one casualty that day, though: As the fort was being surrendered, a ceremonial 50-gun salute caused the explosion of some gunpowder. A Union soldier named Daniel Hough was killed.
 - Linguists report that the United States has the fewest distinct dialects of any major country in the history of the world.
 - Gangster Al Capone reportedly paid more than \$290,000 every week for bribes.
- Thought for the Day: "What, after all, is a halo? It's only one more thing to keep clean." - C. Fry

CHURCH BRIEFS

Snyder named senior pastor

The pastor/staff-parish relations committee at the Shavertown United Methodist Church recently announced the appointment of the Rev. Lynn Snyder as the church's senior pastor. The appointment is effective July 1. Before entering the ministry, Snyder worked for more than 20 years working in corporate America. She graduated from Drew Theological School in 1996 and was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2000. Snyder served at the Myrtle Street United Methodist Church for five years, the Cooperstown United Methodist Church for three years and had a two-point charge to Duryea since 2003. Snyder lives with her husband Tom, a former Methodist minister.

Loyalville UMC plans ham dinner

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold a baked ham dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the church on Loyalville Road. The church is located one-half mile off Route 29 south and 4 miles west of Dallas from Route 118. There will also be a bake sale. Takeouts will be available and orders should be called in advance. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age

12. For takeout orders or more information, call 477-3521.

Cancer survivor to speak at seminar

The River of Life Fellowship Ministries will hold a women's seminar with the theme "Living the Passionate Life" from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at 22 Outlet Road in Lehman Township. The guest speaker will be author and cancer survivor Connie Pombo. The inspirational program was developed by Pombo from her own survival experience with the life-changing impact of breast cancer in 1996. She is the founder of Women's Mentoring Ministries in Mt. Joy and has written several books. Pombo and her husband, Mark live in Marietta. The public is invited to attend the seminar. There is no admission charge.

Church creating pictorial directory

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church is creating a pictorial directory of its church family. Pictures will be taken from 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Contact Elizabeth Sullivan or pastor Nancy Russell for more details.



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To travel up and along Machell Avenue, away from the bustling center of Dallas, is to travel back to a scene that not too long ago was routine throughout the Back Mountain. Before forest and field were cleared, before almost every rock was overturned, this was a community of farms and rural crossroads, a place where a horse was ubiquitous rather than unique. Behold Ricky, equine holdout.

Auction's dinner-dance promises toe-tapping fun

Kick up your heels and swing on back to the 1940's with the brand new Library Auction Dinner Dance! The fun and frolicking will be held from 6-11 p.m. Friday, June 16 at the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas.

The evening will begin with refreshments from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Entrée choices include prime rib, baked orange roughly or chicken fraicaise. A mini auction, silent auction, a raffle and dancing to the music of DJ Charles Hayes will follow.

Tickets are \$37.50 a person or \$75 a couple. Tickets are available at the library's front desk.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of

LIBRARY NEWS

Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Registration is continuing for three teenage summer programs: Donuts and Discussion, Young Adult Book Discussion Group, and Relax and Read. To register or for more information, call the library at 675-1182.

All children in preschool through fifth grade who love pets, love to read about pets, have pets, wish they had pets or have a favorite stuffed pet should make their way to the Back Mountain Memorial Li-

brary this summer for Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.

There will be exciting new game boards, craft programs, animal programs, prizes, and just plain old summer fun reading. If you are a reader, just promise to read eight books during the summer. If your child isn't reading yet, promise to read eight books to him or her.

Registration will be held in the Children's Room beginning Thursday, June 1 and throughout the summer. The program will run until Aug. 18 and will end with a final party, refreshments, certificates, prizes and a show.

So hop, slither, jump, fly, swim (you get the idea) to the library this summer "fur" some fun reading, exciting programs

and summer fun. All special program times and dates will appear in The Post in the next library news column.

Registration for summer Story Times is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7. Call the library at 675-1182 after 9:30 a.m. Story Times will begin the week of June 19 and end the week of Aug. 14. The times and days are: 2-year-olds: 10-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays; 3-5-year-olds: 9:45-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Story Time hours are subject to change.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library news column is written by the library staff. The column appears every other week.

70 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1936

CHAMPION SPELLERS WILL BE CROWNED

The champion spellers of this section will be decided next Tuesday night when children from the primary grades up to adults who boast their orthographic skill complete in their respective

ONLY YESTERDAY

classes at an old-fashioned spelling be in Dallas Borough High School. The bee, which will begin at 8 p.m., is beginning planned by Norman B. Dinger, supervising principal, with help of the faculty.

Easily overshadowing most other sports here in public interest, the local quilts season will open on Monday night, May 18, to continue throughout the summer with games every Monday and Friday night. Keen rivalry, which reached a high peak in last summer's exciting matches are expected to continue this year. Eight teams - Skytop, Fernbrook, Dallas, Trucksville, Harveys Lake, Center Moreland, Shavertown, and Oxbow - will be in the league.

And unusually talented group of high school seniors from Lehman Township are working diligently to produce on May 14 at 8 p.m. a night of entertainment built around a minstrel show. As part of the production, the Ruggles Band, under the capable direction of C.R. Terry of Idetown will play a program of novel and familiar music; a chorus made up of the entire senior class will contribute tuneful melodies.

50 YEARS AGO
May 4, 1956

ALLAN MOSIER WINS SCHOOL AWARD

Elected by the students of the senior class of Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township High School, and sponsored by Dallas Rotary Club, Allan S. Mosier is the recipient of the Senior of the Month award for April. He was entertained at dinner at Irem Country Club last night. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mosier, Dallas Township, Allan is outstanding in both scholarship and extra curricular activities. He expects to enter Lafayette in September and major in chemistry

The quaint little apple house in the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bedner on 42nd Street was struck by lightning just before the deluge Sunday evening and its roof badly damaged. Sawdust used as insulation smoldered for some time while Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company fought the fire under direction of Chief Nort Bert. The same bolt which set fire to the apple house knocked out the telephone, making it necessary for Mr. Bedner to run next door to the Tréthawa home to telephone for help.

Mary Weir, ticket chairman for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction Kick-Off Dinner at Irem Country Club says that the deadline for reservations is Friday, May 11. Harry Ohlman, dinner chairman, says the evening will be gay and festive, completely informal, with nothing heavy to detract from the fun. Several surprises have been planned, including some plain and fancy auctioning.

40 YEARS AGO
May 5, 1966

RED MUSTANG PRIZE FOR RAFFLE

At the Kick-Off Dinner tonight for the 20th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, it will be officially announced that a red Mustang with white-wall tires has been procured for the event, which will be held July 7-9.

Not only will the announcement be made, but the car itself will be on display. Raymond Parsons, chairman of the car sale, will have tickets on hand for the drawing, which will take place traditionally at midnight on the final night of the auction.

As quickly as his newly-acquired boxer made a savage biting attack on both of his arms, Jim Simon, 24, of Dallas, ran for his rifle and killed it around 4:30 a.m. yesterday. Simon's mother was reported to have seen the dog frothing at the mouth earlier, and said that it had been nearly bitten her, Dallas Township Police Frank Lange said. The head of the animal was sent to Harrisburg for analysis by the office of veterinarian Dr. Richard Post.

30 YEARS AGO
May 6, 1976

DALLAS POST OFFICE RESTRUCTURES ROUTES

The growth and development of industry and residential areas in the Dallas Post Office delivery area has made it necessary for the Postal Service to restructure all the delivery routes, Postmaster Bernard Gawlas reported this week. Two additional rural routes are being established to accommodate this growth.

The changes in the delivery areas will require the changing of addresses for some postal customers. Customers affected by the changes will be notified prior to May 8, the date scheduled for these changes to be implemented.

The Lake-Lehman High School marching band was awarded third place at the Kentucky Derby Festival held in Louisville last week. They received a trophy, a 3-foot by 5-foot flag designating their participation and a plaque for excellence. In five days, the entourage covered almost 1,700 miles and six states - Pennsylvania, Ohio,

Kentucky, West Virginia, and Maryland. Following the competition, the group toured Monticello, Ash Lawan, and Luray Caverns.

20 YEARS AGO
May 7, 1986

SHOPPING CENTER WILL OPEN IN FALL

Although excavation has been going on for the past several weeks, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Country Club Shopping Center were officially held last Monday in Dallas Township. The center, which will be constructed on a seven-acre site adjacent to the Dallas Township Municipal building near the Northeastern Bank along Route 309, will house eight stores in addition to Insalaco's supermarket, which will be the main tenant. The opening is set for fall 1986.

A Wyoming man was slightly injured early last Friday night when he lost control of his vehicle and rammed into two others. David J. Connors, 163 Bunker Hill road, was traveling north on Route 309 when he entered the private drive of John Gorda, 52 South Memorial Highway, Trucksville.

Connors said that as he attempted to stop, he felt the brakes on the right side lock, causing him to lose control of his vehicle. Connors received minor injuries.

John Kern Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kern Sr., West Overbrook Avenue in Dallas, was recently promoted to Senior Airman. He is in the 3rd Law Enforcement Squadron at Clark Air Force, Pacific Command.

Airman Kern is also a recent graduate of heavy weapons school, qualifying as an expert. In February, he was named to the dean's list at the Pacific campus of Central Texas College, where he is earning a degree in political science.

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