

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On June 24, 1901, the first major exhibition of Pablo Picasso's artwork opens at a gallery in Paris. The 19-year-old Spaniard was unknown outside Barcelona, but he had already produced hundreds of paintings. Picasso continued to produce art with undiminished force until his death in 1973 at the age of 91.

• On June 25, 1910, Congress passes the Mann Act, also known as the White Slave Traffic Act. The law actually had little to do with slavery; it was aimed at stopping the supposed problem of innocent girls being lured into prostitution. The most famous prosecution under the law was musician Chuck Berry, who was convicted in 1961 of taking an unmarried woman across state lines for "immoral purposes."

• On June 23, 1929, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Shaara is born in Jersey City, N.J. Shaara's second novel, "The Killer Angels," is considered by some readers and historians to be the best novel ever written about the Civil War.

• On June 22, 1937, in Chicago's Comiskey Park, Joe Louis wins the world heavyweight boxing title when he defeats Jim Braddock in an eighth-round knockout. Louis was never beaten in his nearly 12-year heavyweight reign, defeating 25 challengers.

• On June 19, 1945, Abbott and Costello's classic comedy routine "Who's on First?" makes its cinema debut in "The Naughty Nineties." The duo had already made the routine famous in live performances and on the radio.

• On June 20, 1953, singer Cyndi Lauper is born. Lauper, who began her career singing with cover bands on Long Island, became the first female artist in rock history to score four Top 10 singles off a debut album.

• On June 21, 1963, the French government shocks its allies by announcing that it is withdrawing its navy from the North Atlantic fleet of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), just as President John F. Kennedy was preparing to go to Europe for a series of talks with America's allies.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

• Weighing more than 90 pounds and standing nearly 3 1/2 feet tall, the largest penguin in the world is the emperor penguin. It's also the deepest-diving penguin, attaining depths of more than 1,700 feet beneath the surface of the ocean. By comparison, the maximum recommended depth for sport SCUBA divers is 100 feet.

• On May 9, 1999, there was a fire at the Wild Turkey Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Ky. That might not be a noteworthy event, except for the colossal waste that was involved. As a result of damage from the fire, approximately 600,000 gallons of whiskey spilled into the Kentucky River.

• If you're like many Americans these days, you have fond childhood memories of trips to the ice-cream parlor - and, according to statistics, it's fairly likely that you had vanilla. Baskin Robbins reports that vanilla is its top-selling flavor, accounting for 25 percent of sales. You almost certainly didn't have ketchup-flavored ice cream. That may sound like a joke, but Baskin Robbins did, in fact, try making ketchup ice cream. It was never marketed, though, since for some reason they thought it wouldn't sell well.

• Next time you're in Texas, be sure to visit Egypt. And Earth, too. They're both towns in the biggest state in the lower 48. While you're at it, check out Happy, Jot 'em Down, Looneyville, Nameless, Needmore and Notrees.

• At Carleton University, a group of engineering students were caught plagiarizing essays from the Internet. They're not the first to have done so, of course, and they certainly won't be the last. It was pretty ironic, though, that the class for which the essays were to be written was a course on ethics.

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Thought for the Day: "The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it." - George Bernard Shaw

FIBERGLASS CANOE
TOP PRIZE IN RAFFLE

Anyone attending the 60th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction this year, just might paddle off with a 16-foot, Pelican fiberglass canoe complete with two paddles and two life jackets. The annual event will be held July 9-12 on the library grounds, Huntsville Road in Dallas. The canoe was donated by Caddie LaBar and is the first prize featured in the annual raffle. The second prize is a .25-point round diamond solitaire necklace donated by Ochman Coin and Jewelry and the third prize is a \$100 gift certificate donated by Ben Jones. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. They are available at the main desk of the library and throughout the auction until the draw date of July 9. The tickets are compliments of Paul and Eleanor Nicholson. Displaying the canoe, paddles and life jackets, from left, are Joe Dwinchick, Dan Major and David Dwinchick.

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Penned in, yes, but whom? The one free to roam the field at will, soak up the sun above, graze on the grass afoot, drink from trough never-ending. Consider life on the other side, bound by assignments and deadlines, bills and obligations, always on the go, looking for the next picture. Penned in, yes, but by life or fence? The sheep won't say and the photographer is off to the next job.

Summer reading programs heating up at the library

LIBRARY NEWS

The Children's Room at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is already buzzing with activity this summer. Parents and caregivers are reminded that Story Hours begin this week. The first session of Book Buddies will also begin at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Children's Room. Readers are asked to arrive early to select books and activities for their Buddies.

Donuts and Discussion participants will discuss "The Cay" at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 22 in the back of the Children's Room and the Young Adult Book Discussion Group will discuss "The

House of the Scorpion" at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 26 in the back of the Reading Room.

The Luzerne County Library System kick-off program for Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center at Kings College. Joe Wos, cartoonist, will present "Once Upon A Toon" with storytelling and live cartoon illustration. All participants of the summer reading

program are invited to attend. Registration will begin Monday.

Participants of the summer reading program may also begin registering Monday for "The Wonderful World of Insects" presented by Kathy Kelchner, environmental educator from Frances Slocum State Park. Kelchner will once again amaze the children with her wonderful wit and knowledge of all things that creep and crawl. The program is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library on Friday, June 30.

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Fred Krohle announces that

the Slightly Read Bookshop will close June 17 in preparation for the auction. He asks that all book donations be dropped off at the library as soon as possible. The bookshop and the popular book tent will be open throughout the auction.

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There is still a need for auction volunteers. Teens and able-bodied adults are needed to carry items from the basement of the library out to the tents. Call the library during regular business hours at 675-1182 if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions.

70 Years Ago
June 19, 1936

LOCAL SOLDIERS
RECEIVE MONEY

A glistening shower of new-found wealth - the long-awaited soldiers' bonus - fell on the Back Mountain region this week to stream on down in waves of cash to business houses of every sort. Only a small part of the estimated quarter of a million dollars which came to veterans in this section could be spent, because most of them money was in \$50 government bonds which had to be certified and cashed before they could be spent.

The only actual cash the veterans received this week was from the checks for whatever odd sum could not be put into a \$50 bond. Those checks were immediately cashed.

Center Moreland experienced a freak electrical storm yesterday morning when lightning struck a cherry tree in the rear of the home of the Rev. Fedor Ether, then apparently spread into three balls of fire. One of the balls broke two windows in the home of E.E. Montross five hundred feet away. The other broke two windows in the home of Joe Statnich.

60 Years Ago
June 21, 1946

WOMEN BURNED
CANNING PINEAPPLE

Mrs. Alden Wagner and Mrs. Hannah Orr were painfully burned about the legs Thursday at Lehman High School's canning center when scalding water from a retort in which they were sterilizing glass jars overflowed and splashed upon them. They were treated by Dr. A.A. Mascali.

The women were among a number of Back Mountain residents who were canning 64 crates of pineapples purchased which were by the center for \$5 a crate and then resold to those who wished to can them immediately.

Pineapple of similar grade are selling for \$7.50 a crate but because they hadn't reached ripeness, the center was able to purchase them.

Construction is expected to begin immediately on a new Colonial-style home for the Lehman Fire Company. The building will be erected on a plot of land donated by Dr. H.A. Brown, located across from the Curtis property. Plans completed by Lacy, Atherton, Wilson and Davis call for a one-story structure with 20x30 truck room and a 25x30 recreation room and kitchen. It is also hoped the post office may be housed at the end of the building.

Dropping a 12-7 game with Noxen last Sunday on the latter's field, the Dallas Legionnaires slipped to third place in the Bi-County League. It was a hard-fought contest from the beginning, but Dallas was unable to stop Noxen from scoring. Starting pitcher Loren Fiske was relieved by Larry Newhart, who did a good job for the rest of the game. But his teammates were unable to overcome the Noxen lead, despite three doubles to their credit. Manager Don Grose is attempting to bolster the pitching and fielding by bringing up some new material and polishing his present staff.

50 Years Ago
June 22, 1956

DALLAS TO RECEIVE
MONEY FOR ROADS

Secretary of Highways Joseph J. Lawler announced this week that \$2,474,260 will be paid to boroughs in Pennsylvania on July 1 under the terms of Act 655 which provides for allocation of \$30 million from the Motor License Fund for maintenance and construction of road, streets and bridges in all municipalities.

Last year, Dallas Borough received 54 cents for every person living in the borough. This year, the per capita amount will be \$1.14.

Horsemen from 7 years old to older than 70 will exhibit their horses on July 4 at the annual Back Mountain Horse Show on the Lehman Horse Show

Grounds. Tiny Linda Mitchell from Tunkhannock will follow in the steps of her popular sisters and ride "Queenie," a black and white pony, in four classes of the show.

The show will get under way promptly at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the entire day. On the evening of July 3, Pennsylvania State Police will present a two-hour show on the horse show grounds. Children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

Dallas resident Nort Berti sliced all five fingers of his left hand Tuesday when he picked up a chainsaw by the blade and the motor suddenly started during a tree-felling operation at Thomas Heffernan's. The cuts did not reach the bone, but traveled lengthwise on the fingers and thumb.

40 Years Ago
June 16, 1966

CAT SHOT IN
NEW GOSS MANOR

There has been a rash of cat shootings in New Goss Manor, apparently done with a .22 rifle and aimed at the hindquarters of the animals. Complaints have been flooding into The Dallas Post.

Nine boys from this area serving in Vietnam are receiving the Dallas Post. They are William J. Biggs, Denis J. Ferry, Ronald Gosart, Clyde Major, Robert A. Martin, Eugene S. Morgan, Donald S. Myers, Terry J. Smith and Robert L. Traver. Mrs. Howard Risley follows the pattern set by her husband at the time of the Second World War, sending The Post to these boys as a gift.

30 Years Ago
June 17, 1976

LAKE-LEHMAN BOARD
CONSIDERS SCHOOL FIX

Faced with the problems of maintaining two aged school buildings and overcrowding in still another building, Lake-Lehman School Board reviewed the possibility of purchasing modular classroom units during the course of its monthly meeting.

Dallas Borough council asked police chief Ray Titus to establish a number of new speed traps in the borough. The police department was also authorized to modify a police cruiser for use in enforcing the traps as well as for other police duties.

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority announced the sewer extension 1B has been certified as completed and can now be used by those who are on the line areas. There are 57 new customers anticipated. This includes Dug Road, Terrace Avenue and Highland Avenue areas.

20 Years Ago
June 18, 1986

L-L SCHOOL BOARD
LOWERS TAX MILLAGE

Lake-Lehman school board chairman Allen Keiper told taxpayers at the June meeting that the directors had managed to reduce the tentative millage for the 1986-87 school year from the proposed 15 mills to 11.1 mills. Despite cutting many programs to the minimum, Keiper said the directors were successful in retaining the junior high extra-curricular programs, continuing the summer program and hiring sufficient coaches.

William Samuels, taxpayer, asked the board of the motion to appoint junior high coaches and assistants at the June meeting would "lock in" the district to maintaining those programs if an insufficient number of students showed interest. Director Bing Wolfe told Samuels that he had expressed the same concern at the work session but was out-voted.

Governing bodies of the Back Mountain area are considering the construction of a Waste Energy Facility that would simultaneously burn garbage and produce energy. The proposal was discussed last week at the Kingston Township board of supervisors meeting.

The plant, which would be located in the Dallas Area Treatment Plant, may help solve the growing problem of the high cost of garbage disposal for residents of Kingston Township, Dallas Borough and Dallas Township.