

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On July 4, 1826, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the second and third presidents of the United States, die on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Adams' last words were, "Thomas Jefferson still survives," though his old friend and political adversary had died a few hours before.
- On July 8, 1918, American author Ernest Hemingway, working as a Red Cross ambulance driver, is severely wounded while carrying a companion to safety on the Austro-Italian front during World War I. Hemingway published his first book of short stories in 1925.
- On July 6, 1935, an infant named Tenzin Gyatso, future leader of Tibet, is born to a peasant family in Takster, Tibet. At age 2 the child was declared the reincarnation of a great Buddhist spiritual leader and named the 14th Dalai Lama. In 1989, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to the nonviolent liberation of Tibet.
- On July 5, 1946, French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit, which he dubbed the "bikini," inspired by a U.S. atomic test that took place that week off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.
- On July 9, 1956, actor Tom Hanks is born in Concord, Calif. Hanks has won the Best Actor Oscar twice, for "Philadelphia" in 1993 and "Forrest Gump" in 1994. He was also nominated for his role in "Saving Private Ryan" (1998).
- On July 3, 1971, singer Jim Morrison, of the rock group The Doors, is found dead of heart failure in a bathtub in Paris. The Doors' first album topped the charts, as did a shortened version of their 6-minute 50-second track "Light My Fire."
- On July 7, 1984, "When Doves Cry," the first single to be released from Prince's 1984 album "Purple Rain," hits the top of the charts. The song became the best-selling single of 1984. Meanwhile, the album topped the charts for 24 weeks and sold more than 10 million copies.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

- More presidents and astronauts have come from Ohio than from any other state.
- John Paul Jones, the Revolutionary War hero who was famed for saying, "I have not yet begun to fight," didn't end his military career in the United States. After the war, he became a Russian admiral and went by the name Konradmiral Pavel Ivanovich Jones.
- At one time, all Russian men who had beards had to pay a special tax.
- It's been reported that armadillos can be housebroken. Why anyone would keep one as a pet, however, was not mentioned.
- Karaoke and karate: Other than the fact that they are both from Japan, you wouldn't think they have much in common. However, they both have the same root word, "kara," which means empty. "Oke" means "voice" and "te" means "hand," hence, "karaoke" is "empty voice," and "karate" is "empty hand."
- One of the more obscure of the Japanese martial arts is tessen-jutsu. It's known to be deadly, and it's based solely on the use of a fan.
- The shape of the letter B is derived from the Egyptian hieroglyph for "house."
- Pure water doesn't conduct electricity; in fact, it's an insulator. It's the impurities in water that conduct electricity -- making it a bad idea to use a hair dryer in the bathtub.
- In some parts of Europe, red roses are considered to be omens of evil. Seeing the petals fall from a red rose is a portent of death.
- Romans thought that roses could prevent drunkenness.
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- Thought for the Day: "The world is divided into people who think they are right." - Anonymous

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FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Leave the driving to the babbling, two-legged hairless thing from the other end of the leash. Oh, we may not control the food bag or the walkies. We never get enough playtime or belly rubbing. But when it's time for a road trip we'd much rather a shotgun seat. And there's always room for two to slobber.

Library home to books - and interesting facts

With the 60th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library getting under way this week, members of the community should be aware of a few interesting facts about our library. The library:

- Opened in an old home on Main Street in Dallas in October 1945 with 5,000 books, 2,000 of which were lent by the state.
- Is the fourth largest library in Luzerne County.
- Has 18,132 active borrowers.
- Received 22 percent of its budget last year from the auction. According to library director Martha Butler, revenues from the four-day event help the library operate throughout the entire year. The remaining balance of the library budget is made up from other fund-raising activities, funds raised by the Friends of the Library steering committee, rent from the day care center housed on the second floor, and private donations.
- Expects more than 10,500 people to attend the auction, which will offer more than 1,000 antique, collectible, decorative and new goods items.

- Ended its first year of operation with 680 card holders and more than 10,000 books.
- Once served five Back Mountain high schools, two consolidated elementary schools, and 18 one-room schoolhouses.
- Carries a varied inventory of items, including books, magazines (153 titles), compact discs (popular, country, opera, classical and new age, holiday and children's songs), audio cassettes, eight newspapers (including The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Philadelphia Inquirer), videotapes, downloadable audio books, books on CD, and DVDs.
- Has a large collection of current bestsellers and recreational fiction.
- Can access books, magazines and other materials from any Luzerne County library through our automated Circulation System.
- Has free Internet access available for patron use as well as the Times Leader archive online and the state sponsored Power Library, which includes magazine articles, poetry, book

- reviews, biographical information and AP photo archive.
- Can obtain books from other libraries throughout Pennsylvania for patrons, through Inter Library Loan.
- Circulated 100,327 items last year and answered over 6,500 reference questions.
- Serves nine municipalities comprising the Dallas and Lake Lehman school districts; a population of more than 34,834 residents.
- Is assisted in its programs and fund raising by an army of 148 volunteers, who donated 10,101 hours of service last year.
- Has a volunteer-run Slightly Used Book Store that is open three days a week.
- Will receive state funding of only \$81,000. Total operating budget of approximately \$405,500 for 2006.
- Has received pledges of \$18,450 from the nine municipalities it serves.
- The library offers a wide range of services to all age groups and interests. The children's department offers programs for children ages infant to

- young adult. The new Family Place program is designed to help parents with parenting and provide an opportunity to interact with other parents and children. The children's department has five computers with educational programs for children, and a collection of books, videos, audio cassettes and DVDs for children of all ages. It offers a summer reading program elementary school students and young adult reading activities. The summer reading program has 300 children participating.
- For teens and adults, there are online resources (Learn-a-Test, practice SAT and other tests, Tutor.com, student tutoring online), Internet access, and Inter Library Loan service. There are also free computer classes, word processing, book discussion groups, and other programs.
- The Community Room is open for use by civic and non-profit organizations for a fee of \$25.
- For more information about the library, visit the Web site [www.backmountainlibrary.org](http://www.backmountainlibrary.org).

CHILDREN INVITED TO SPECIAL PROGRAM



All members of the Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program are invited to attend a special program at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 in the Children's Room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Children will create an outside bird feeder under the direction of Karen Yarrish, above, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited. Yarrish will also conduct a short program on the sights and sounds of outside birds for the participants. All children who would like to make a birdhouse are asked to register in advance by calling the library at 675-1182. An \$8 fee will be collected to cover the cost of the materials for the bird house.

In other news at the library, there is a change in library hours during Auction Week, the week of July 3. The regular hours of 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. will be in effect for Monday and Wednesday, July 3 and 6. The library will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. On July 6-8, the library will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in order to prepare for the auction. Parking on these days will be limited.

Parents and caregivers are reminded there are no story hours or Book Buddies this week. Young adults in the book discussion group are asked to be prepared to discuss "The House of the Scorpion" by Nancy Farmer at 7 p.m. Monday, July 10 in the reading room. Donut and Discussion participants will discuss "The Thief Lord" by Cornelia Funke at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13 in the Children's Room.

70 Years Ago  
June 26, 1936

COURT AFFIRMS SCHOOL VICTORY

The end of the legal entanglements which have bound Dallas Borough School District for the last two months was in sight this week as the court en banc affirmed a previous victory for the district on two suits and attorneys prepared for final arguments on the third suit this morning.

The arguments on charges that the 30-mill budget for the school district is "legal, excessive extravagant and uncalled for," scheduled to have been held before Judge John S. Fine yesterday morning, were postponed and will be heard this morning in Luzerne County Court House.

The large sawmill of John E. Whipple of Dallas at Hop Bottom was burned to the ground early last Friday morning in a thunderstorm. It was believed that lightning struck the one-story frame building and enveloped it in flames. The loss was fixed at about \$5,000 by Mr. Whipple.

60 Years Ago  
June 28, 1946

DALLAS DEFEATS ST. MICHAEL'S

In a loosely played game marked by the heavy hitting of Mickey Insalaco, Dallas Legionnaires defeated St. Michael's 23-6 on the home diamond Sunday. St. Michael's pitching was

good but lack of support by the fielders made the game an uneven contest.

Larry Newhart started for Dallas but was relieved by Zibe Martin in the fifth inning. Both pitchers threw good ball but St. Michael's six runs came off the offerings of Newhart. Martin allowed one hit for the remainder of the game. Insalaco, Rattigan, Wilson, Fiske and Brobst connected for extra bases to pile up the score.

Two outstanding vocational agriculture instructors have been employed by the Dallas Township School Board to head the Veterans Agricultural Training school, which opened in Dallas Township on Monday night, July 1. They are H. Lewis Chambers and Edward Keller. Mr. Chambers will be the director and Mr. Keller will be his assistant. Both are Pennsylvania State college men.

50 Years Ago  
June 29, 1956

LEHMAN HORSE SHOW BEGINNING JULY 4

Dr. James M. Steele of Tamaqua has entered horses in the three-gaited, five-gaited and horsemanship classes of the Lehman Horse Show. It will be held on July 4 starting at 9:30 a.m. Leonard Ide, general chairman, and Myron S. Baker, show chairman, announced that well over 200 entries have come in, with more expected the day of the show. This is by far the largest number of entries ever received for the annual Lehman Show.

The members of the Building and Grounds Committee, Chairman James Hutchinson, viewed

eight possible sites for the construction of the new Dallas Ar eas Senior High school on Friday, with four gaining unqualified approval by the committee as eminently suitable. The committee is making no statement at this time as to the exact location.

40 Years ago  
June 23, 1966

KINGSTON MAN KILLED NEAR GOSS MANOR

Ten days after three youths were killed on Route 309 in Dallas Township, a man lost his life on the same highway. Mr. and Mrs. Zigmund Whiteloni, 348 Market Street, Kingston were traveling north Tuesday morning at 11:30, and had passed Goss Manor when a produce truck came off Hildebrandt Road and smashed into their late model Corvette.

30 Years Ago  
June 24, 1976

NURSES, MAN SAVE YOUNG BOY

Two Harveys Lake off-duty nurses and an unidentified man pulled a 4-year old from the lake last week and gave the limp and lifeless boy a second chance. Aaron Pell, of 4 Bowman Ave., Kingston is still in critical condition at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, but doctors say he owes his life to his rescuers. Sue Fetsko, a Dallas High School graduate, and her friend Pat Sandstrom, a native from Warren, are the two nurses responsible for getting the Pell child to the hospital alive. Giving the boy CPR and mouth-to-mouth is what aided in this boy's survival.

Back Mountain Bicentennial council members reviewed the results from their 1976 celebration Monday night and decided to consider making the event an annual affair. Council president Howard Grossman said the group agreed to look into continuing some kind of Back Mountain celebration each year including an annual parade.

The Dallas School Board has scheduled a meeting this Friday for the adoption of a \$3.5 million budget for 1976-77, which is expected to increase local tax rates by five mills. The Back Mountain Protective Association, a taxpayers group, is challenging the budget plan.

20 Years Ago  
June 25, 1986

CLASS OF 1936 PLANS REUNION

The Class of 1936 of Lehman High School held its 50th reunion in the Lehman church, June 21, 1986. A social hour preceded the delicious dinner served by the young people of the church, during which many friendships were renewed. Everyone reminisced old times and discussed what they were doing with their lives today.

Mrs. Marguerite B. Bogart, West 42nd Street, Dallas, celebrated her 89th birthday Monday, June 23 at a family dinner held at the home of son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grey, Dallas. A native of Dallas, Mrs. Bogart is a former Marguerite Rolison. She and her late husband, the late Russell Bogart, resided in Forty Fort several years before they moved to the residence now.

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