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Zawatski children displaying items at Back Mountain library

The items in the Back Mountain Memorial Library display case for the month of July are collectibles from siblings Eric, Emilee and Ethan Zawatski. The Zawatskis are avid patrons of the library and their collections include sports cards, Precious Moments figurines, stuffed song birds, and dinosaurs.

Eric, 11, is displaying a collection of sports cards he has been gathering for five years. Some of the cards are 35 years old and belonged to his father when he was a boy. Some of the cards include Michael Jordan, 1992; Pete Rose, 1970; Joe Namath, 1972; and Reggie Jackson, 1980. Eric's favorite player, Albert Pujols, is on a card from 2005.

Emilee, 8, has been collecting her Precious Moments figurines since 2000. Her collection includes some figurines collected

by her mom 15 years ago. Her favorite is her First Holy Communion girl, which she received May 6, 2006. She is also displaying her collection of stuffed birds that mimic the songs of real birds. The entire family enjoys her collection as they all enjoy nature and participate in many nature camps and programs.

Ethan, 6, has been adding to his dinosaur collection for the past four years.

He is displaying more than 30 dinosaurs from his huge collection that include Tyrannosaurus Rex, Deinonychus, Brachiosaurus, Apatosaurus, Maiasaura, Ankylosaurus, and Parasauralophus. His favorite is the Allosaurus because "he's a big meat-eater."

Children of all ages are welcome to view the collections throughout July.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On July 19, 1799, in Egypt, a French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing. The Rosetta Stone contained fragments of passages written in three different scripts in the second century B.C. and held the key to solving the riddle of Egyptian hieroglyphics.
- On July 23, 1888, Raymond Chandler, creator of cynical detective Philip Marlowe, is born in Chicago. During the Depression, Chandler turned to writing at the age of 45 to support himself. He published his first novel, "The Big Sleep," in 1939.
- On July 18, 1925, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler publishes the first volume of his personal manifesto. "Mein Kampf," or "My Struggle," was a bitter narrative filled with anti-Semitic outpourings. The autobiographical work soon became the bible of Germany's Nazi Party.
- On July 22, 1934, outside Chicago's Biograph Theatre, notorious criminal John Dillinger is killed in a hail of bullets fired by federal agents. In just over a year, Dillinger and his associates robbed 11 banks for more than \$300,000, and killed seven police officers and three federal agents.
- On July 20, 1940, Billboard magazine publishes its first "Music Popularity Chart." The first No. 1 hit was "I'll Never Smile Again" by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. From then on, Billboard published its list of top sellers once a week.
- On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opens. The \$17 million theme park was built on 160 acres of former orange groves in Anaheim, Calif., and soon brought in staggering profits. Today Disneyland hosts more than 14 million visitors a year, who spend close to \$3 billion.
- On July 21, 1967, actor Basil Rathbone dies. Rathbone was best known for his role as detective Sherlock Holmes. He first played Holmes in 1939 in "The Hound of the Baskervilles." Rathbone went on to star in 14 Sherlock Holmes movies in the 1940s, with Nigel Bruce playing Holmes' sidekick, Dr. Watson.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- Historians claim that for all but three of the past 20 centuries, the world's largest economy has been China.
- Yet another example of an ignominious demise is Marlon Pistol, a children's entertainer. He was driving on a California freeway on the way to a party at which he was to be the main attraction when a balloon elephant - a 20-foot-long balloon elephant - spontaneously began to inflate in the back of his car, causing the crash that took his life.
- Have you ever been to Lost Springs, Wyo.? How about Ervings, N.H.; Hibberts, Maine; or New Amsterdam, Ind.? Probably not - each of these towns have a recorded population of just one person.
- The first coin ever minted in the United States reportedly had the motto "Mind Your Own Business" imprinted upon it.
- The last words of James M. Barrie, author of the beloved "Peter Pan" stories, were "I can't sleep."
- The ancient Inca Empire of South America poses many mysteries to modern students of history. One of the more puzzling of these mysteries is why the rulers were tall and had fair skin while most of their subjects were small and had dark skin.
- It's been reported that a man named Stephen Bishop once wrote a little-known song called "I'm So Miserable Without You It's Almost Like Having You Here."
- If a goose wants to look straight ahead, it has to turn its head.

Thought for the Day: "Most writers regard the truth as their most valuable possession, and therefore are most economical in its use." - Mark Twain

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And the Top 5 questions that come to mind with this picture are: No. 5 -- Does it look like I'm parking, buddy? No. 4 - You and what army are going to make me move? No. 3 - I brought the soft drink, did you bring the pretzels? No. 2 - Aren't you glad this parking lot didn't get flooded away? And the No. 1 question: Which came first, the "no parking spot" or the attendant who keeps it that way?

Children making bird feeders at special program

All members of the Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales summer reading program are reminded of the special program at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 in the Children's Room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The library is located on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Children will create an outside bird feeder with Karen Yarrish, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in the Dallas Shopping Center. Yarrish will also conduct a short program on the sights and sounds of outside birds for the participants. 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 the day of

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the program to cover the cost of the materials for the birdhouse.

Members of library's Donuts and Discussion group are asked to prepare "The Cay" by Theodore Taylor for their book discussion group at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 27. The Young Adult Book Discussion group will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 24. Members of the group will discuss the book "Dragonwings" by Laurence Yep in fulfillment of the grant from the National Endowment of

Humanities for the bookshelf "Becoming American."

The very popular Farmers Market returns to the library grounds this summer. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Sept. 16 on the library grounds on Huntsville Road.

Among the features at the Farmers Market are locally-grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, gourmet international cheeses, fresh baked goods and dairy ice cream. Local vendors include Brace's Orchard, Dymond's Farm Market and Bakery, I Gourmet, Creekside, Emma's Bakery and the Lands at Hillside Farms.

Vendor stalls will be set up

on the pavement of the library parking lot. Patrons are asked to park on the lawn behind the library. There is no street parking on Huntsville Road or Franklin Street.

Fred Krohle, manager of the Slightly Read Bookshop at the library, announces the book store will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays beginning July 22 during Farmers Market. The bookshop is normally closed after the auction until Labor Day. Krohle would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped in the book tent and the bookshop at the 60th annual auction. Their efforts made the event a success once again.

70 Years Ago
July 10, 1936

LEHMAN TWP. MAN FOUND DEAD AT DAM

Missing since June 13, a 41-year-old Lehman Township man was found dead in thick underbrush at the northern end of Huntsville Dam last Monday, his throat slashed, supposedly by a razor which was found nearby.

The man's body was discovered by a searching party which was organized after E.C. Deal, president of Scranton Spring Brook Water Co., had noticed a stench which he suspected came from a dead body. The wounds appeared to be self-inflicted and the man left a wife and two children behind.



ONLY YESTERDAY

A blazing sun in a cloudless sky sent the mercury to an all-time high in Dallas yesterday afternoon as the summer's most intense heat wave passed the dangerously high mark established in 1918. At Scranton, where the official records for Northeastern Pennsylvania are kept, the all-time record was passed at 3 p.m. when the mercury hit 103 degrees. For 18 years, the record of 102.6 had stood until yesterday.

60 Years Ago
July 12, 1946

PLANT CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN IN DALLAS

Sprague and Henwood have a crew of drillers on the ground making test borings for the new Native Ace Company plant, which will be built shortly on the plot of land purchased recently from the Warden Estate along the Harveys Lake Highway northwest of Dallas. Construction of the modern \$475,000 plant has been held up for sever-

al months pending Civilian Production Administration approval of the project.

A total of 17 herds with 424 cows in milk and 55 dry ere on test during June, according to the report of Miss Carol Cook, tester for the Luzerne County Cow Testing Association. Highest production cow in butterfat for the month was a registered Holstein of the Walp Dairy Farm, which produced 2,163 pounds of milk with a butterfat content of 99.5 percent. A registered Holstein of Retreat Farm was second, with 1,980 pounds and 93.1 percent, while a Guernsey from the Goodleigh Farm was third at 1,731 pounds, 81.4 percent.

50 Years Ago
July 13, 1956

AUCTION TO CONTINUE DESPITE FOG, DRIZZLE

The 10th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction which has already run two days and three nights will be continued Saturday afternoon starting promptly at 1 p.m. The auction was hampered on Friday by low hanging fog and steady drizzle, so the annual event has a long way to go to beat last year's record sale. The Barn on Lehman Avenue is still jam-packed with new and used merchandise.

An Idetown mother and son, victims of a tragic motor accident, were laid to rest in Warden Cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Kenneth O'Neill conducted services for Mrs. Laura Albert Agnew and her son Harry J. Weaver, 18.

Mother and son lost their lives when the car in which they were driving back from Norfolk, Va., where apprentice firemen Weaver was stationed, struck a concrete abutment. A 20-year-old brother of Weaver became confused by light morning fog, and his car hurtled between two posts of a guard rail where wire was missing, the 40th accident this year in that spot five miles south of Gettysburg. Four-year-old Wilma Weaver was rushed to

the Warner Hospital for an emergency operation for removal of a ruptured spleen. The older brother was painfully injured and both are recuperating.

40 years ago
July 14, 1966

PLANS COMPLETE FOR FIREMAN'S FAIR

Plans are nearly complete for the fireman's fair sponsored by Daniel C. Roberts's Fire Company. The fair is scheduled to take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 2-4 at Old Sandy Bottom in Harveys Lake.

Jim McCaffrey is the general chairman. An auction will begin each evening continuing until approximately 11:30 p.m. with a ham supper served by the Ladies Auxiliary and basement of the Lutheran Church just across the highway.

Former Trucksville resident Ben J. Jenkins has been fighting for his life in a Florida Hospital. Mr. Jenkins, employed at one of the largest airfields in Florida, was driving a jeep to a plane when he noticed a branch caught in the wheels. As he dislodged it, a rattlesnake coiled in the leaves struck him on the thumb.

30 years ago
July 15, 1976

BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR NOXEN

A full day of games, contests and recreational activities has been planned for Noxen's Bicentennial Day, which will be held Saturday, July 17. David Harris, general chairman, and his committee members have planned a program for the entertainment of the very young to senior citizens. The day will start at 9:45 a.m. with a parade forming at the Noxen United Methodist Church, proceeding through town, around the Noxen Elementary School building, then to the baseball diamond.

An all-time grand total of

\$32,000 was raised during the three days of the 30th annual Back Mountain Library Auction last weekend, according to Howard Strom, this year's auction chairman. The antiques alone brought in \$10,000 and the concessions and booths accounted for a large amount of the new high.

Officials of State Correction Institution at Dallas reported Tuesday afternoon that they believe Edward Eckhart, convicted murderer who escaped sometime Sunday night is out of the area. Thomas Figmik, administrative assistant to prison superintendent Glen Jeffes, stated that despite a 13-state alarm along the eastern seaboard, there are no leads as to the whereabouts of Eckhart, who escaped from the institution while working on a powerhouse detail.

20 years ago
July 15, 1976

BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR NOXEN

The Kingston Township board of supervisors at its meeting last week, approved the first reading of the Alcohol Consumption Ordinance, which prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages in public places throughout the township. The ordinance, which will go into effect upon approval of the second reading at the board's meeting in August, is aimed at cutting beer parties and littering that has been on the increase.

Despite intermittent rain showers, the 40th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction was a huge success, with a record of more than \$71,000 raised at the event. The auction makes up about one-third of the library's annual budget. It was comprised of about 4,000 new, used and antique items. In addition, the auction pulled in another \$3,000 from \$5 raffle tickets for a new Chevy S-10, 4x4 Blazer. The vehicle was won by Harveys Lake resident Francis McManus Jr.