

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Oct. 21, 1797, the USS Constitution, a 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate built to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli, is launched in Boston Harbor. During the War of 1812, the Constitution won its enduring nickname "Old Ironsides" when shots seemed to merely bounce off the ship's sides.

• On Oct. 17, 1906, Wilhelm Voigt, a 57-year-old German shoemaker, impersonates an army officer and leads an entire squad of soldiers to help him steal 4,000 marks. Voigt, who had a long criminal record, humiliated the German army by exploiting its soldiers' blind obedience to authority and getting them to assist in his audacious robbery.

• On Oct. 20, 1930, Sherlock Holmes debuts on the radio starring William Gillette as Holmes. In 1939, Basil Rathbone took on the part, supported by Nigel Bruce as his faithful sidekick, Watson. The program ran, with different actors and some interruptions, until 1956.

• On Oct. 22, 1942, child star Annette Funicello is born in Utica, N.Y. Funicello became a featured Mouseketeer on Disney's Mickey Mouse Club and later starred in several Disney features, including "The Shaggy Dog" (1959).

• On Oct. 18, 1961, the movie version of the Broadway musical "West Side Story" opens at New York's Rivoli Theater. The musical retold the story of Romeo and Juliet, but set the action in contemporary New York.

• On Oct. 16, 1973, Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese diplomat Le Duc Tho are awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the Paris peace accords. Kissinger accepted, but Tho declined the award until such time as "peace is truly established."

• On Oct. 19, 1982, maverick automobile executive John DeLorean is arrested by the FBI in a Los Angeles airport motel with a briefcase containing \$24 million worth of cocaine. Two years later a federal jury ruled that DeLorean was a victim of entrapment.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was George Eliot, one of the best-known novelists of the Victorian era, who made the following sage observation: "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact."

• Wal-Mart is the largest retailer and the second-largest corporation in the world, but in many places it's about more than just buying and selling goods. In some countries you can go to the local Wal-Mart store to meet singles - really! If you're looking for love, all you have to do is tie a red ribbon to your cart to let other customers know that you're on the market. "Attention Wal-Mart shoppers," indeed!

• Statistically speaking, you're safer when you're traveling by air than when you're traveling by foot.

• Another record we didn't know existed: the most earthworms eaten in 30 seconds. The title is held by a man with the unlikely name "Snake Man," who consumed 200 of the worms in half a minute.

WIZARD OF OZ ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



During the month of October, the display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is holding the special Wizard of Oz collection of Vanessa Sheridan, a sixth grade student at Dallas Middle School. The Trucksville resident began her collection at age 3 and adds to it each year. Many of the pieces on display were gifts from her parents, grandparents and aunt. Her favorite item is a pillow with the characters of Dorothy and Toto, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion walking down the yellow brick road. It was a Christmas gift from her parents, Stephanie and Dan Sheridan. Her grandmother, Gertrude Sheridan, presented Vanessa with numerous ornaments of all the characters in the movie and there are 16 of them on display. Vanessa has four Madame Alexander Dolls of the characters, including a Dorothy doll from her maternal grandparents, Antoinette and William Koperna. The snow globe was a gift from her aunt Mimi White and depicts the Wizard inside the globe and the four characters adorning the globe on the outside. Other items on display include a colorful print of the characters and a photo collage of the Emerald City and credits from the original movie. There are two unique cookie jars, one of the Good Witch Glinda and one of the Wicked Witch of the West. Vanessa has two watches, one of Dorothy on the watch face and one of Glinda. And her collection doesn't end with the display collection. Vanessa has several books, throws and a charm bracelet at home.

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Before paved roads or power lines, before fencing or fancy windows, before even barns or barn builders, there were rolling hills covered with trees. And despite the changes, those hills and trees make autumn in the Back Mountain a beautiful time of year.

Back Mountain Memorial Library adds new books to collection

The following new books, DVDs, books on CD, honor books and memorial books have been added to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas. For information about donating a book in someone's memory or honor, call the library at 675-1182.

EXPRESS
(1 week)

"The Book of Fate" by Brad Meltzer

FICTION

"The Brambles" by Eliza Minton
"Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen
"Dark Side of the Moon" by Sherrilyn Kenyon
"The Last Town on Earth" by Thomas Mullen
"The Book of Fate" by Brad Meltzer

NONFICTION

"American Diabetes Association Complete Guide to Diabetes"
"Weiss Ratings' Guide to HMOs and Health Insurers" Spring 2006

BIOGRAPHY

"On the Couch" by Lorraine Bracco

LARGE PRINTFICTION

"Crisis" by Robin Cook
"Blackout" by Annie Solomon
"Sailing to Capri" by Elizabeth Adler
"Copy Cat" by Erica Spindler

BOOKS ON CD

"The Book of the Dead" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
"The Garden of Eden and Other Criminal Delights" by Faye Kellerman
"Laurel Canyon" by Michael Walker
"The Best of Cary Grant"
"American Icons"
"Superman: the last son of Krypton"

YOUNG ADULT

"Alphabet of Dreams" by Susan Fletcher

DVDs

"The Hanging Gale" by Allan Cubitt
"The Inspector Lynley Mysteries"

"The Duchess of Duke Street"
"Chronicles of Narnia"
"Walking the Bible"
"Tsotsi"
"March of the Penguins"
"Schindler's List"
"The Chinese Cat"
"Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music"
"Alaska's Inside Passage"
"Race to the Moon"
"The Dramatic Works of William Shakespeare"
"Benjamin Franklin"
"Elizabeth"
"Liberty! The American Revolution"
"The Standard of Perfection: show cats"
"Civilization: a personal view by Lord Clark"

"Carry Me!" by Rosemary Wells
"The Art of Eric Carle" by Eric Carle
"The Little Red Hen" by Jean Pinkney
"Emeril's There's a Chef in My Family" by Emeril Lagasse

MEMORIAL BOOKS

The following books have been donated in memory of the deceased members of Tau Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma and are presented by members of the chapter:
"Crocheting" by Gwen Blakeley Kinsler
"So Sleepy Story" by Uri Shulevitz
"The Journey: stories of migration" by Cynthia Rylant

HONOR BOOKS

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Dreher: "Our Pennsylvania" by Jerry Irwin, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Michael

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Dreher: "Native Plants of the Northeast" by Donald Joseph Leopold, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Michael

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Niskey: "Still Standing" by Christopher Brown, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Michael

In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Frank and Pat Smaka: "Historic Houses of Pennsylvania" by Roger Moss, presented by Ron and Alyce Ritts

In honor of the staff at the Back Mountain Memorial Library: "Bleak House" (DVD) donated by Brian Fulton

70 Years Ago
Oct. 18, 1936CHIEF O'KANE
ARRESTS

FOUR IN SHOOTING

The shooting of Creaton D. Gallup, 23, a watchman at Lake Catalpa on the Abram Nesbitt estate, was cleared up yesterday with the arrest of four men by Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane. Two men were charged with aggravated assault and battery, while the other two face a trespassing charge.

Chief O'Kane rounded up the four individuals during a whirlwind trip which took more than 200 miles into three counties. John Yaple, a local justice of the peace, passed along the tip that led to the arrests of the individuals. The men are from Beaumont, Tunkhannock, Center Moreland and Noxen.

A campaign to call to the attention of Lake Township residents the loss of revenue which would result from the adoption of Local Option, the newly-formed Lake Township Businessmen's Association has gone on the record opposing option.

About 25 men and women attended the meeting on Tuesday night and discussed the means

of promoting a general interest of businessmen in the township. The organization is meant to be a permanent one, and to represent businessmen in various ways.

60 Years Ago
Oct. 18, 1946KINGSTON TOWNSHIP
H.S.
FORMS BAND
ASSOCIATION

With "Get on the Band Wagon" as its slogan, members of Kingston Township School Board of Directors have formed a Band Boosters Association which will sponsor a former dance at the Kingston Township High School. The dance in the auditorium will be held October 25 to raise money for the school band, which is being formed by Verus Weaver, school music director.

During the past week, Mrs. Daniel Shaver has continued her one-woman campaign to raise funds for the band and now reports receipts in excess of \$225. Mrs. Valara Henry, well-known president of the township, called Mrs. Shaver and offered to give the band a bass drum that belonged to her grandson.

The first anniversary of the opening of the Back Mountain Memorial Library was fittingly observed Friday night when friends and members of the board of directors from all Back

Mountain communities gathered for an informal meeting, which was addressed by professor John B. Kennedy, superintendent of Kingston Township schools.

Paul Warriner, president of the library association, welcomed the guests and librarian Miss Miriam Lathrop gave an address about the first year activities. She explained the library as more than 10,000 volumes, 8,000 of which have been catalogued. About 2,250 have been loaned to the library by the state library.

50 Years Ago
Oct. 19, 1956"PERFECT" CRASH
INJURES EIGHT

There were no police roadblocks early Tuesday morning when two fast-moving automobiles crashed a 1:50 a.m. in what police called a "perfect head-on collision" in front of Duke Isaacs Used Car Lot in Trucksville. Eight persons were injured, including five of them being in serious condition at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Three of the victims might die, one might lose a leg and another will probably recover. Two of the victims were discharged a day after the accident. Ambulance crews and police said it was the bloodiest accident in their experience. Kingston Township Police Chief Jesse Coslett and assistant chief Herb

ert Updyke reported a Ford sedan driving in the direction of Luzerne, met with another automobile. The crash resulted in the windshields of the cars being smashed, the engines pushed backwards and the steering wheels bent.

20 Years Ago
Oct. 15, 1986DALLAS RESIDENT
BECOMES
\$15,000 RICHER WITH
LOTTERY

Last Saturday at the King of Prussia Mall in Montgomery County, Dallas resident Joe McGrady found himself in a position the rest of us only dream about. McGrady, along with nine other individuals representing eight counties across the state, was one of the finalists chosen to compete for the \$1 million Pennsylvania Lottery grand prize.

McGrady, who made the trip along with his wife Elaine and their 6-year-old son Ryan, along with McGrady's father Joseph, returned home \$15,000 richer.

In an effort to curb a dangerous traffic situation on Route 309 that has been the scene of a high number of automobile accidents over the years, two Back Mountain police departments have begun preliminary steps to have the PennDOT step in and resolve the matter.