

## Widely-known author to appear at library

Author/illustrator Lindsay Barrett George, will visit the Back Mountain Memorial Library at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Children's Room. The library is located on Huntsville Road in Dallas. The event is being held in conjunction with Children's Book Week, which takes place Nov. 13-18.

The program is geared toward children and their caregivers. Teens and adults who aspire to write or illustrate are also welcome to attend. George will discuss her famous book, "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse." She will divulge all words and pictures hidden within the illustrations and conduct a parent/child drawing session.



Author/illustrator Lindsay Barrett George

George is a native of Pennsylvania and the book was selected as the first book in Pennsylvania's reading program "One Book, Every Young Child." She is known for her strikingly realistic illustrations of animals, birds and fish in their natural habitats. Some of her other books include, "My Bunny and Me," "Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?," "In the Woods: Who's Been Here?" and "The Secret, and Box Turtle at Long Pond."

Children who received the book "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" during the library's story hours or at the program with guest speaker Mary Baker may bring the book to the program and have it signed by George. There will be a limited number of books available at the program for children who have not received a copy.

To register or for more information, call the library at 675-1182.

### MOMENTS IN TIME

#### The History Channel

- On Nov. 8, 1793, after more than two centuries as a royal palace, the Louvre opens as a public museum in Paris. Today, the Louvre's collection is one of the richest in the world, with artwork and artifacts representative of 11,000 years of human civilization and culture.

- On Nov. 11, 1852, the Saturday Evening Gazette publishes "The Rival Painters: A Story of Rome," by Louisa May Alcott, author of "Little Women" (1868). Alcott spent most of her life caring for her family financially, emotionally and physically. Her father died in March 1888, and she followed him just two days later.

- On Nov. 7, 1916, Montana suffragist Jeannette Rankin is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first woman to win a seat in the federal Congress. A dedicated pacifist, Rankin's first vote as a U.S. congresswoman was against U.S. entry into World War I.

- On Nov. 6, 1921, "The Sheik" opens, launching the cult of Rudolph Valentino. Despite negative reviews, the movie and its exotic star caught the attention of women across the country, who were soon swooning in the theater aisles. Valentino died on Aug. 23, 1926, at age 31, following surgery for a perforated ulcer.

- On Nov. 12, 1934, the movie musical "Babes in Toyland" opens, featuring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy as comic relief. The Laurel and Hardy comedy team began performing together in 1927 and appeared in more than 100 films, including 27 features, by 1950.

- On Nov. 10, 1970, for the first time in five years, no U.S. combat fatalities in Southeast Asia are reported for the previous week.

- On Nov. 9, 1989, East German officials open the Berlin Wall, allowing travel from East to West Berlin. The following day, celebrating Germans began to tear the wall down. One of the ugliest and most infamous symbols of the Cold War was soon reduced to rubble that was quickly snatched up by souvenir hunters.

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### STRANGE BUT TRUE

- With the holiday gift-giving season coming up, you might want to keep this in mind: Statistics show that 20 percent of people who receive gift cards as presents never spend the full amount.

- It was in 1961 that singer Bing Crosby predicted "rock 'n' roll has run its course."

- Stephen King, author of numerous best-selling horror novels - many of which have been turned into equally terrifying movies - once made the following observation: "Some people say that I must be a terrible person, but it's not true. I have the heart of a young boy. In a jar on my desk."

- Ever heard of "ochlocracy"? Probably not, but at times it seems like we may be experiencing it. "Ochlocracy" means "mob rule."

- Reports claim that in Providence, R.I., it was once illegal on Sundays to sell toothpaste and a toothbrush to the same customer.

- According to the U.S. Department of Labor's statistics on worker fatalities, the most dangerous job in the country is truck driver. Next is farm worker, then sales supervisor/store owner and construction worker. Police detective rounds out the top five most dangerous occupations. Interestingly, cashier comes in at No. 10.

- What do Mao Zedong, Vladimir Lenin and Eva Peron have in common? After they died, their remains were mummified. King Charles the First's body was turned into a mummy, too - but not his head. The body of Mata Hari, exotic dancer and notorious World War I spy, was not mummified after she was executed by firing squad - but her head was.

Thought for the Day: "If there is anything the nonconformist hates worse than a conformist, it's another nonconformist who doesn't conform to the prevailing standard of nonconformity." - Bill Vaughan  
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A reservoir is a workplace: to the kitchen tap as a power plant is to the table lamp. Yet it can be a beautiful thing, whether vista from afar or up close, graced with a raft of seasonal color, bright and alas, too fleeting.

## Back Mt. Memorial Library offering Amnesty Week

Do you have a book or two or three that you know are extremely overdue? Well, you may return it to the Back Mountain Memorial Library with no questions asked during its annual Amnesty Week.

No late fees will be charged on books returned during the week of Nov. 13 through 18. Fines already posted on a patron's record do not apply. It is the library's hope to retrieve precious books and materials that patrons are reluctant to return because of mounting fines.

The Slightly Read Bookshop at the Back Mountain Memorial

### LIBRARY NEWS

rial Library is open for business again after getting the spooks and ghouls out of the shelves from the very successful Haunted Library fundraiser. The library is located at 96 Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Four great prizes are still available in the Rocking Horse Raffle being conducted at the library for capital improvements and repairs. First prize is a beautiful rocking horse hand-sculpted by Matthew

Borne. Other prizes include a family golf membership at Newberry Country Club or \$250 in cash; a \$300 gift certificate for design services or merchandise from Sew Fine Draperies & Interiors; and a \$100 gift certificate for the Eagle Golf Shop.

The prizes will be awarded on Thanksgiving weekend. Tickets are available at the front desk of the library. For more information, call the front desk at 675-1182.

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Week, Nov. 13-18. She will present her program at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. George's book "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" was selected as the first book for Pennsylvania's "One Book, Every Young Child" program. Call the library to register for the event.

Gloria Schwartz is continuing her crocheting classes for "twens" - children between the ages of 9 and 12 - from 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday at the library. Participants are asked to bring a G or H crocheting needle and a regular worsted skein of yarn to the class.

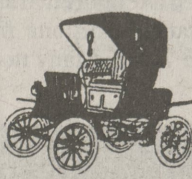
#### 70 YEARS AGO Nov. 6, 1936

#### BACK MOUNTAIN VOTERS

#### DEFEAT LOCAL OPTION

Although they clung tenaciously to their long-time Republican loyalty as predicted, voters in this normally dry territory upset tradition on Tuesday by turning "thumbs down" on the Local Option question.

In Lake Township, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township, the largest number of citizens ever to vote on a municipal question have turned in a decisive majority to favor of the sale of licenses to sell liquor in local communities.



#### ONLY YESTERDAY

As usual, a sizeable percentage of voters forgot to register their opinion on the question. Of some 5,300 voters in the four towns, 2,242 failed to vote on the Local Option question.

The result ended a bitter contest that had been in progress for two months. The question cannot be revived again for four years, although disappointed leaders of the dry forces intimated yesterday they will begin immediately to call for a vote on beer licenses in the next election.

A goal of \$1,490 was fixed this week for local workers in the annual drive for funds that Community Welfare Federation will launch next Monday. The campaign will continue until Thursday, Nov. 19. The quota set for the local area this year is considerably lower than last year, when volunteers failed to reach the goal of \$2,100. The amount collection in this section last year was \$1,400.

For the first time in many years, the Sixth Legislative District, of which the Dallas area is a part, will be repre-

sented in Harrisburg by a Democrat. Robert Bierley of West Pittston nosed out Republican William Shortz by a margin of about 302 votes.

In the presidential election, President Roosevelt's total of more than 105,000 votes in Luzerne County is believed to be the greatest number of votes ever rolled up by one candidate in county history. Republican opponent Governor Alf Landon recorded 82,024 votes.

#### 60 YEARS AGO Nov. 1, 1946

#### DALLAS BAND HOPES TO REVIVE PRE-WAR DAYS

Confronted with a depleted treasury containing only \$12, the Dallas Borough Band Parents Association will start an immediate drive for funds to put the band back on its pre-war footing as a going musical organization. According to association president Mrs. Thomas Kingston, many of the problems confronting the band are due to the war when it was without trained leadership and when its program for training youthful musical talent for replacements was interrupted.

More than 300 people attended the Halloween party conducted Wednesday night in the Kingston Township High School auditorium by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company.

The auditorium was decorated in Halloween colors and the judges were Gene Piatt, Don Finney and Harold York. Prizes in the children's division went to Charlotte Perkins, prettiest costume; Juanita Evans and Lorraine Harrison, funniest; and Larry and Jay Farr, most original. More than 10 prizes, including a live duck, were given away to children and adults.

With the opening of a finishing department in the former Teen-Age building on Main Street in Dallas, Natona Mills this week started the production of lace in Dallas that will

eventually employ more than 500 people when the new plant is opened on Veterans' Memorial Highway (Route 309). Seven women are currently employed. That number will increase and a second shift will be added.

#### 50 YEARS AGO Nov. 2, 1956

#### ANDREW SORDONI HEADS LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Directors of the Back Mountain Memorial Library and members of a newly-formed committee to study the present and future needs of the library in relation to the community it serves, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sordoni at a dinner meeting at the Sterling Hotel in Wilkes-Barre last night.

Mr. Sordoni heads the committee which was recently appointed by attorney Mitchell Jenkins, library president, to explore present and future trends in the Back Mountain and the position of the library in relation to them. Other members of the committee are Russell Frantz, Henry Pool, Vern Lacy, Raymon Hedden, Thomas Heffernan, Harry Ohlman, Henry Peterson, Frederick J. Eck, Howard Risley and Jenkins. Other members are expected to be added.

The Center Moreland Methodist Church auction Friday night netted \$1,150, including sales from baked goods, odds and ends, and the hot dog stand. This amount, plus \$100 from an anonymous donor, \$150 from three nights at the Farmers Market, and \$575 from the summer food project when women served lunches to tomato packers at the Frank Heitsman farm, adds up to approximately \$2,000 raised in two months. The money will be used for repairs and renovations to the old schoolhouse, which was recently purchased at auction for \$975.

#### 40 YEARS AGO Nov. 3, 1966

#### LEHMAN TWP. COUPLE SUFFERING HARASSMENT

Vandalism and cruelty has been reported from Lehman Township during the past week of Halloween and continuing after that celebration has passed.

On Carpenter Road, a man and his wife have been harassed unceasingly by youths between the ages of 13 to the higher teens. The wife, who has been an invalid for a long time, said she and her husband live quiet lives and they expect the same consideration from their neighbors.

The couple didn't complain when their windows were soaped, but when dead, bleeding rabbits were placed in their mailbox and thrown in their car along with human excrement, they were driven nearly to distraction. There was also damage done to their house.

A Back Mountain blood drive held in the Kingston Township municipal building last Friday topped its quota by a pint and set the record for the largest community donation on the lists of the local American Red Cross.

The total collection was 201 pints, the largest amount ever collected during a visit of the Bloodmobile. The quota was 200 pints, the largest amount ever requested. There were 249 registrants, 48 of whom were passed by because of slight illness or other physical reasons.

In 1955, there was a banner collection of 186 pints in memory of Dr. Sherman Schooley.

Jackson Township supervisors voted Tuesday evening to advertise their intention to levy a 1 percent wage tax. Solicitor Jonathan Valentine was authorized to prepare the proper ordinance, which will be imposed if a like tax is upheld in the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Board chairman Wesley Lamoreaux stated supervisors were loathe to impose such a tax, but had been urged to do so to protect their own citizens.

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