

Clear your schedule — for Open Mic Night

Clear your calendars, tune your guitars and practice singing in the shower if you want to perform at the next Back Mountain Memorial Library's Open Mic Night scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday April 28.

This popular event will again be held at the Arts YOUiverse building, 50 Lake Street, Dallas (near the Old House Café). Any amateur or professional singer, writer, musician or actor may give a short performance of their talent or read an excerpt from a previously published selection. In the past, area bands from College Misericordia and musical and literary artists from the surrounding areas have provided members of our audience with a wide variety of exciting acts.

There is no cost for admission, although donations for the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be greatly appreciated. Performers may pre-register by calling Krista Connolly at 675-1182.

After experiencing an evening of live entertainment, you may want to participate in National TV-Turn off week, scheduled for April 23-29. This is an annual event, supported by teachers, educators and libraries across the country.

To participate, a family simply agrees to leave its television sets completely off for this week. The motive then is to fill the time usually spent watching favorite programs with other family activities, such as reading, playing board games or simply talking to one another! Give it a try and see what fun you and your children can create. (Sorry kids, VHS and DVD players and computerized games are also not allowed during this week!)

The Friends of the Library will hold their 19th Annual Luncheon with a Special Author at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at the Apple-tree Terrace at Newberry Estates. The featured speaker is Barbara Kline, author of "White House Nannies." The luncheon begins with hospitality at 11 a.m., luncheon at 11:45 and presentation beginning at 1:15 p.m. Reservations, at a cost of \$22.50, may be made at the library.

There are a few openings for the last Red Cross Babysitting course scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Please call the library for more information.

Now that the remaining snow has melted and spring sunshine may actually stay, it's time for our summer teen programs! We have three programs available: Donuts & Discussion, for ages 10, 11 and 12; YA Book Discussion Group, ages 13 and up and Relax & Read for ages 12 and up.

Please call the library to register after 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2. Organizational meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21 for Donuts & Discussion and at 7 p.m. the same evening for the young adults. Dates, times and books will be voted upon at these meetings, so it is important for all registered participants to attend.

Teens participating in the book discussion groups will be required to purchase their own copies of the books or borrow them from other libraries as the moderators will be using the copies from the Back Mountain. Relax & Read participants will begin their program on June 11. These teens read books of their choice and write a short review for other teens to review. All teens will be eligible to win a gift certificate from Target.

Mrs. Bauman, Children's Librarian, will attend the Dallas Summer Fun Night at the Dallas Elementary School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. She will be handing out information about the summer reading program, "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

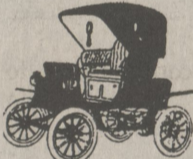
While your children are busy planning to participate in the above events, it's a good time for you to continue your spring-cleaning! Remember that the library is now accepting items for the Nearly Old Booth for the upcoming library auction to be held July 5, 6, 7 and 8. Please call the library before dropping off your unused and unwanted items. Antiques, porcelain collectibles and other unusual items are of special interest.



In our memory and hopes, April is all sunshine, daffodils and bunnies. Reality, however, can be cold, a conflict between emerging spring and reluctantly departing winter. And the battle has unexpected victims, left to scrounge, scratch and search for sustenance and survival.

**1937
70 YEARS AGO**
**SARA SANFORD DIRECTS
GLEE CLUB PRODUCTION**
The Glee Club of the Dallas Junior Women's Club will present a Colonial Minstrel tonight at 8:15 p.m. in the Dallas Borough High School auditorium. Mrs. Sara Sanford will direct the production. Mrs. Ruth R. Manning will supervise dance numbers and Mrs. Maude Baker will be accompanist.

Eight girls from Dallas High School have accepted the invitation of Cedar Crest College, Allentown, to attend the fifth annual Open House at the college on Saturday afternoon. The girls are: Bernice Sheppelman, Betty Weid, Alberta Himmler, Elsie Culp, Florence Kelly, Elsie Johnston, Janet Knecht and Roberta Van Campen.



ONLY YESTERDAY

All officers were re-elected at the meeting of the Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association in the high school on Monday night and plans for a May Day celebration were launched with Mrs. Thomas Kepner and Mrs. Grace Nicholson as cochairmen.

Twenty-six amateurs competed for prizes in the first Amateur Show of Daddow-Isaacs Post, No. 672, American Legion, on Friday night in the high school. Jimmy Alles won first prize in the youngest group and Betty Jones took second prize.

**1947
60 YEARS AGO**
**CHARTER NIGHT HELD
AT IREM TEMPLE**

The annual Charter Night party was held Thursday night at the Irem Temple Country Club. There were 29 members present and their wives and the following guests from the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club: Judge Alfred Valentine, Art Bolender, Bob Lewis, Carl Leighton and Tom Mattern.

The junior class of Dallas Township High School will present a three-act comedy, "Spring Fever" by Glenn Hughes, in the high school auditorium, Friday at 8 p.m. Members of the cast are: Nancy Hessler, Bett Vavrek, Phyllis Kunkle, Wilma Hess, Charlotte Boston, Peggy Martin, Glenn Howell, Joe Tondora, Robert Henney, Arthur Roberts, Thomas Bunney, Torrance Gensel and Harnet Prater.

Mrs. George Bronson and Mrs. Garfield Goodman entertained the Kings' Daughters Class of the Church of Christ, Sweet Valley, at the Bronson home. Present were: Mrs. Lewis Williams, Mrs. Adam Klemovich, Mrs. Helen Wilbert, Mrs. Earl Hartman, Mrs. George Wesley, Mrs. Sherman Kunkle, Bethia Allen, Keziah Edwards and the hostesses.

**1957
50 YEARS AGO**

**LIBRARY AUCTION
CHAIRMEN APPOINTED**
Chairmen for the solicitation of goods for the Eleventh Back Mountain Library Auction were appointed Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Gerald Stout at a meeting of the book club. Agreeing to serve as co-chairmen are: Mrs. Gerald Dettmore, Mrs. Clarence Laidler, Mrs. J.H. Schaffhauser and Mrs. Thomas A Cope, Jr.

C.K. Foss, formerly of Sweet Valley, has rented the Sam Ashley building on Memorial Highway and will open there shortly a Harley-Davidson distributorship for Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

Mrs. Theodore Ruff, West Dallas, was honored at a surprise birthday party Friday night, when a group of friends arrived, bringing with them gifts and a huge birthday angel-food iced in green and decorated with yellow roses and candles, baked by Mrs. William Hanna. Guests were: Mrs. William Wright, Mrs. William Sarley, Mrs. Joseph Schneider, Mrs. Allen Montross, Mrs. William Hanna and Mrs. Victor Cross.

**1967
40 YEARS AGO**
**ENTRANCE SIGN
IGNORED BY ROAD CREWS**
The discarded sign which for many years hung in the entrance to Elmcrest Drive and informed travelers that this was "Memorial Highway In Memory Of Our Heroic Dead" has faced a sad plight of late. For many moons the large wooden sign donated by John Blackman lay under the snows of winter, ignored by road crews and residents alike.

On Friday evening, Post 672, Daddow Isaacs Post, Dallas, discussed the condition at their meeting. The men decided to contact the state highway department in an effort to restore the memorial plaque to its former dignity.

The per capita tax was reduced from \$5 per head to \$2 per

head and millage cut three mills to 4.65. Action was taken in the anticipation of earned income tax receipts.

Warren Boyes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Boyes, Overbrook Avenue, will receive the Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor in scouting, at a breakfast on Sunday morning at Shavertown Methodist Church.

The warmest day of Spring coincided with the opening of trout season, with fans lining the banks of Harvey's Lake, some in shirtsleeves, some in jackets open at the neck, and all in a holiday mood. Row boats dotted the lake, where six weeks ago ice-fishermen's huts were still defiling the ices.

**1977
30 YEARS AGO**
**MISERICORDIA AWARDED
LARGEST GRANT EVER**
Sister Ann Miriam Gallagher, R.S.M., president of College Misericordia in Dallas, announced Tuesday the college has been named the prime contractor for a state training program that will involve over \$200,000 in funds and will cover a fifty county area in Northeast PA.

The state contract calls for the college to provide a special training program for staff personnel of area agencies on aging that will increase the effectiveness of the delivery of services to the aging in Northeast PA. The contract is funded at \$222,632.53 and is being administered through the Department of Public Welfare North East Regional Office in Scranton.

Members of the Confirmation Class of Shavertown United Methodist Church included: Carol Linker, Sharon Gribble, Kathleen Murray, Candy Davis, Cynthia Davis, Susan Davis, Diane Evans, Cathy Newhart, Sandra Newcomb, William Sprau, James Lord, David Bolton and Douglas Earles.

Troop 281, Dallas, held an Ea-

gle Court of Honor in Dallas Methodist Church for Craig Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stone, Dallas. The Court of Honor was preceded by a banquet in Stone's honor.

**1987
20 YEARS AGO**
**OWNERS DISCUSS
MINIMUM WAGE RAISE**
Proposed legislation to raise the minimum wage has brought up some interesting issues, but several Back Mountain businessmen are not overly concerned until concrete guidelines and laws are set. The proposed legislation would raise the minimum wage to \$4.65 an hour, in three steps, by 1990. The current minimum wage is \$3.35.

Life as Barbara Weaver knows it will change drastically for a full year beginning late this July. Weaver, a 17-year-old senior at West Side Vo-Tech, has been chosen as one of the vocational-technical students from PA, Virginia and Southwestern Ohio to participate in the Congress-Bundestaq Vocational Educational Open Door Student Exchange Program to Germany.

Century 21 Jean Innamorati Real Estate, Dallas, sponsored a bake sale with proceeds benefiting the Easter Seal Society of Northeast PA. Coordinators of the sale included Annmarie Innamorati, Rae Ann Naylor and Bridgette Kman.

In a few weeks a memorial plaque will be placed on the front of the Dallas Borough building to honor the man responsible for its new look.

The Dallas Fire Co., in conjunction with The Borough Council, will honor the late Howard Risley for his contribution of land to the fire company for the benefit of the community. Risley was the owner of The Dallas Post at one time.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- The History Channel
- On April 23, 1564, according to tradition, English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon. It is impossible to be certain of the exact date of birth, but he was baptized on April 26. Three days was the customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn.
- On April 26, 1913, 13-year-old Mary Phagan is murdered in Georgia. In spite of lack of evidence, Leo Frank, the Jewish owner of the factory where Phagan worked, was found guilty of the crime. Gov. John Slaton initiated his own investigation, concluded that Frank was innocent and commuted his death sentence. A mob pulled Frank from a prison farm and hanged him while police did nothing to stop the spectacle.
- On April 24, 1936, a group of firemen responding to an alarm in Camden, N.J., is televised. It was the first time an unplanned event was broadcast on television, anticipating the development of live TV news coverage.
- On April 29, 1944, "Dancing Romeo," the last Our Gang film, is released. In all, more than 100 Our Gang films were made. Later, they were shown as TV comedies under the name "The Little Rascals."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- If you've ever been sailing in the Bahamas, you probably won't be surprised to learn that the name "Bahamas" comes from the Spanish words "baja" and "mar," which mean "shallow seas."
- In 1994, a man was told by the Internal Revenue Service that he would be allowed a deduction for only one of his three children. Infuriated, he threatened to turn his other two kids over to the federal government. In a wise move, the IRS subsequently decided to allow all three deductions.
- You may find it hard to believe, but a newspaper in Wisconsin, the Oconto County Reporter, really did run the following headline: Panty Pests Easy to Control. Perhaps this was the result of a typo -- or perhaps the people of Wisconsin simply have some problems we don't often experience in the rest of the country.

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