

Friends remembered with library books

The staff at the Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of new memorial books for April 2007.

In memory of John Moore, "Power, Faith, and Fantasy" by Michael B. Oren, presented by Jason and Cheray Sieminski.

In memory of John Moore, "Commodore Perry's Minstrel Show" by Richard Wiley, presented by John and Beth Gager.

In memory of John Moore, "Writings" by John Smith, presented by Richard and Rosemary Caputo.

In memory of Paul Nicholson, "The Curse of the Cockers" by Gerald Hammond (cassette tape), presented by Gary, Judy and Alexe Rice.

In memory of Rita Masley, "Napoleon's Pyramids" by William Dietrich, presented by Mary Alice Frederick.

In memory of Stanley Hoyt, "Antiques of the Future" by Lisa S. Roberts, presented by Len and Ceil Hoyt.

In memory of Joseph Stash, "Retaining Walls" by Tina Skinner, presented by Kim Marsala, Kathy and Todd Serafin, and Tom and Nancy Packer.

In memory of Jane A. McMichael, "The Plant Finder," presented by Sterling William McMichael.

In memory of Rita Chacko, "Everyday Pasta" by Giada DeLaurentiis, presented by Ron and Judy Loeffler and Jack and Jen Martin.

In memory of Violet Sanner, "Santa's Stuck" by Rhonda Gowler Greene, presented by Alpha Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

The following books are in memory of Nancy Kozemchak and are presented by The Clifford Kozemchak Family: "Bumposaurus" by Penny McKinlay, "Countdown to Kindergarten" by Alison McGhee, "Winners Never Quit" by Mia Hamm, "L is for Library" by Sonya Terry, "Just So Thankful" by Mercer Mayer and "D.W.'s Guide to Preschool" by Marc Brown.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Niskey, "The New Southwest Home" by Suzanne Martinson, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Michael.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On May 5, 1914, Erwin "Cannonball" Baker begins a cross-continental motorcycle trip on his 1,000cc V-twin Stutz Indian motorcycle. Starting in California, Baker traveled 3,379 miles across the U.S. Due to the poor roads and primitive "cradle-spring" shock absorption of his bike, he rode most of the way standing up.

- On April 30, 1927, the Federal Industrial Institute for Women, the first women's federal prison, opens in Alderson, W.Va. The vast majority of the women were imprisoned for drug and alcohol charges imposed during the Prohibition era. Only one of the inmates was imprisoned for murder.

- On May 6, 1940, John Steinbeck is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his novel "The Grapes of Wrath." The book traces the fictional Joad family of Oklahoma as they lose their family farm and move to California in search of a better life. One of Steinbeck's most effective works of social commentary, the novel also won the National Book Award.

- On May 4, 1959, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences announces the winners of the first Grammy Awards. Henry Mancini won the Best Album award for "The Music from Peter Gunn"; Perry Como was voted Best Male Vocalist and Ella Fitzgerald Best Female Vocalist.

- On May 1, 1963, James Whittaker of Redmond, Wash., becomes the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. Located in the central Himalayas on the border of China and Nepal, Everest stands 29,028 feet above sea level.

- On May 2, 1972, Steven Spielberg begins filming "Jaws." The production, which used three mechanical sharks to great effect, grossed \$458 million in its theatrical release.

- On May 3, 1991, the prime-time soap opera "Dallas" airs its final episode. The show debuted in April 1978, and broke ratings records in 1980 when 83.6 million viewers tuned in to find out "Who Shot J.R.?"

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- Raquel Welch, sex symbol of the 1960s and '70s, auditioned for the part of Mary Ann on "Gilligan's Island," but was passed over in favor of Dawn Wells. Incidentally, Welch's birth name was Jo Raquel Tejada.

- In modern society, hundreds of millions of people across the globe speak English. You don't have to go back very far, though, to find a time when English wasn't nearly so widespread or highly regarded. In the 16th century, the age of Queen Elizabeth I and William Shakespeare, only a few million people spoke the language -- and not even all the people of England spoke English.

- The identity of the person who made the following comment is still not known: "A Christian is a man who feels repentance on Sunday for what he did on Saturday."

- In Turkey, a man named Demker Cevik said that he could eat an entire barbecued lamb, a claim that an acquaintance disputed. A small bet was placed, and the contest began. After quite a while, Cevik did, in fact, finish the lamb and win the bet. It was a short-lived victory, however; 10 minutes later, Cevik keeled over, dead.

- If you're like the average American, you'll eat more than 15 pounds of fish this year.

- Did you ever wonder what all the hoopla is about? It doesn't really matter what the hoopla is about, though -- it's the word "hoopla" itself that's interesting. The modern English word actually comes from the French words "houpe," which means "hey," and "la," which means "there." The combination is, essentially, the interjection "hey there!" -- which inspired its current use to describe a commotion of some kind.

Thought for the Day: "Nobody outside of a baby carriage or a judge's chamber believes in an unprejudiced point of view." -- Lillian Hellman

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With the warm, springlike weather we've been experiencing, it's time to get out in the garden and get ready for another growing season. Here, Chet Kunigonis straightens out his spring garden.

Library shelves are home to many new books, CDs

The staff at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection for April 2007:

EXPRESS (1 week)

"The Naming of the Dead" by Ian Rankin, "The Woods" by Harlan Coben, "We Shall Not Sleep" by Anne Perry "Body Surfing" by Anita Shreve "Obsession" by Jonathan Kellerman "What's So Funny?" by Donald E. Westlake, "Hide" by Lisa Gardner.

FICTION

"Obsession" by Karen Ro-

bards "Heyday" by Kurt Andersen "Like Trees, Walking" by Ravi Howard, "Irish Dreams" by Nora Roberts "The Woods" by Harlan Coben "Depths" by Henning Mankell, "We Shall Not Sleep" by Anne Perry "Body Surfing" by Anita Shreve "Obsession" by Jonathan Kellerman and "For a Few Demons More" by Kim Harrison.

NONFICTION

"The New American Story" by Bill Bradley "Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain" by Sharon Begley "War in Heaven" by Helen Caldicott, "Peace Be Upon You" by Zachary Karabell "You, Inc." by Harry Beckwith,

"Stem Cell Wars" by Eve Harold "Evolution for Everyone" by David Sloan Wilson "Walking on Eggshells" by Jane Isay "Triple Cross" by Peter Lance "Shakespeare's Kitchen" by Lore Grossmann Segal, "Frommer's Florida 2007," "Frommer's New York City 2007" and "Death in the Mines" by J. Stuart Richards.

MYSTERY

"Laced" by Carol Higgins Clark "Withering Heights" by Dorothy Cannell, "What's So Funny?" by Donald E. Westlake.

BIOGRAPHY

"Grace (Eventually): thoughts on faith" by Anne La-

mott "Dog Years: a memoir" by Mark Doty.

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"Whitethorn Woods" by Maeve Binchy, "Burning Bright" by Tracy Chevalier "Hitched" by Carol Higgins Clark, "Born in Death" by J.D. Robb "Kingdom Come" by Tim F. Lahaye.

BOOKS ON CD

"Breakpoint" by Richard A. Clarke "Next" by Michael Crichton "Dog Years" by Mark Doty "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Dust" by Martha Grimes, "In-ces of My Soul" by Isabel Al-lende.

1937 70 YEARS AGO

Dallas Junior Woman's Club played hostess to several hundred women at a highly successful annual meeting of Luzerne County Federation of Women's Clubs at Irem Temple Country Club on Wednesday.

The decorations, arranged by a committee headed by Mrs. Carol Kuehn, were unusually lovely. Miss Beth Love, local president, welcomed the guests.

A site for the new home of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company will be purchased and the contract for erection of a \$5,000 building will be awarded within the next two weeks.

The annual Junior Prom of Kingston Township High School will be held in the high school auditorium. Stewart Yorks is general chairman. Other committee members are: Wilma Stock, John Gallagher, Marjorie Prynne, Donald Hayward, Dorothy Loveland, Alfred James, Helen Roberts, Sheldon Williams, Susan Palmer, Charles Knorr and Ellen Gregory.

Members of the programs committee are Mary Helen Beline, Norma Henning, Betty Owens and Clara Mae Evans. Members of the invitations committee are David Lohman, Pearl Roushey, Robert Rave and Elizabeth Sink. Music committee: Allen Daniels, Ralph Eddinger, Betty Harter and Betty Williams. Members of the reception committee are David Lohman, Floyd Young, Marjorie Nichols and Stewart Yorks.

1947 60 YEARS AGO

Five Back Mountain school teachers were among hundreds from all parts of the state who attended the hearing on house Bill 476 in Harrisburg Tuesday. Representing Kingston Township were Walter Mohr and Miss

Esther Saxe. Representing Dallas Township schools were Robert Rosser, Robert Dolbear and Mary Mohr.

Six young women of the Dallas area will receive bachelor degrees from College Misericordia at commencement in June. Virginia Perry, Machell Avenue, will receive the bachelor of science degree with a major in chemistry and minors in mathematics and German. Edith Howell, Birch Grove, will receive the bachelor of arts degree with a major in social studies and a minor in secretarial science. Mary Kern, R.D. 1, Dallas, will receive the bachelor of arts degree with a major in English and minors in Latin and French. Ruth Mont, Pinecrest Avenue, will receive the bachelor of arts degree with a major in English and minors in Latin and English. Miss Helen Vukovich, Parrish Street, will receive the bachelor of arts degree with major in English and a minor in French. June Ann Kistler, Alderson, will receive the degree of bachelor of science with a major in secretarial science and a minor in social studies.

Third shoot of the season by members of the Irem Temple Gun Club will be held at the traps on Sunday. At the shoot last Sunday, Orville Buss and Laning Harvey were high guns with Thomas Kehoe in a three-way tie for third place in Class One. Fred Kiefer was in a four-way tie for second place in Class Two.

1957 50 YEARS AGO

Executive and public relations committees of Shavertown Methodist Church Building Fund Campaign met Tuesday night at the church to lay plans for the opening phases of the \$175,000 campaign which will be conducted during the first half of June. Committee members included George Jacobs, Thomas J. Graham, Donald Trethaway, John Wilson, Rev. Robert Yost, Otto Weyand, Ralph Lewis, Foster Sterner and Thomas Morgan.

Members of the Harry Smith

Fire Company, Kunkle, formed a work bee Saturday to clear the fire hall grounds, plant shrubs and grade to the state Highway. Among those in the crew were Don Cosgrove, Aut Wertman, Stanley Allen, Harold Hess, Tutty Spencer and Basil Frantz.

Lawton Culver, proprietor of the Checkerboard Inn, has purchased the used car business formerly owned by Russell Parsons.

1967 40 YEARS AGO

A wintry scene greeted the Back Mountain Monday when a surprise snowfall of four inches buried the daffodils and shrouded the trees. Jimmie Kozemchak was on the job, snapping pictures of trees that looked as if they were getting ready to hibernate in December, instead of enjoying Spring sunshine in April.

It was the students' own vote at Lake-Lehman High School which made the decision to abandon the May Queen Pageant and substitute for it an indoor evening prom and outdoor field day. Dawn Covert will reign as Queen of the Spring Prom. Chosen as Maid of Honor was Karen Covert, while Irene Urlick, Donna Wesley, Louise Sikora and Carol Urban were selected as attendants.

Dallas Ambulance Association, meeting last week, voted to purchase a portable hydraulic jack for use at the scene of automobile accidents. The new piece of equipment is expected to speed the rescue of victims pinned in the increasing number of wrecks and crashes throughout the area.

1977 30 YEARS AGO

Three area men are waging intensive campaigns for the position of District Justice in Magisterial District 3-8 in the Back Mountain. With the primary election date of May 17 drawing nearer, the race appears to be the closest thing to a toss-up of all the contests, according to neutral observers. At stake is the six-

year term presently held by Magistrate Leonard Harvey. When 1980 census figures are in, the position is likely to move into a near \$20,000 salary, so competition is now keen. The two challengers to incumbent Harvey are Donald J. Jones, Jackson Township Police Chief, and Henry Tuck Jr., Lehman Township Police Officer and Constable.

The annual installation tea of the Back Mountain Jay Cettes was held Monday at Kennedy Lounge, College Misericordia. Newly installed were Maryann Popielarz, president; Chris Bachman, vice-president; Judy Blase, secretary; Sandy Manneer, treasurer; and Helen Stager, Debbie Bayer, Margaret Dwinchick, Karen Harworth and Maryann Priar, board members.

John J. Mulhern, of Joseph Street, Dallas, has been appointed by VFW Nation Commander-In-Chief R.D. (Bulldog) Smith of Atlanta, Georgia to serve as National Aide-de-Camp for 1977. Mulhern is a member of VFW Post 8595.

1987 20 YEARS AGO

The Showin' Blue 4-H Riding Club, under the leadership of Carol Maling, with the cooperation of other 4-H clubs in the area, plans to raise money at horse shows and in the community to assist in defraying the costs of caring for the mistreated horses removed from the Romanuski property and now under foster care.

Ed Moore is the proprietor of the newly-opened Back Mountain Auto Body Shop located at 48 Main Road, Dallas.

Members of the Meadows Arts and Crafts committee include: Eleanor Cragle, Dorothy Derr, Tess Polacheck, Eva Jenkins, Sarah Clark, Minnie Hazlett, Ethel Roden, Ruth Muehler, Ruth Foley, Theta Dickson, Peg Williams, Cora Dougal, Dorothy Williams, Elizabeth Wormeck and Barbara Williams, manager.

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