

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Sept. 27, 1854, the luxury ship Arctic slams into the steamer Vesta off the coast of Newfoundland. Desperate Arctic crewmembers took lifeboats from women and children attempting to escape. When one of the ship's high-ranking officers tried to stop them, the crew killed him. The final 70 people left on board crowded onto a makeshift raft as the Arctic sank. Only one survived.
- On Sept. 28, 1918, a Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia prompts a huge outbreak of the flu epidemic. By the time the epidemic ended, an estimated 30 million people were dead worldwide. The most likely origin of the pandemic was a bird or farm animal in the American Midwest.
- On Sept. 29, 1930, filming begins on the classic horror film "Dracula" starring Bela Lugosi, who was identified with the role for the rest of his life. When he died in 1956, Lugosi was buried with his Dracula cape.
- On Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, dies in a car crash. Although Dean appeared in only three movies, he made a deep impression on American audiences with his portrayal of the angry, restless young man. His three films were "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955), "East of Eden" (1955) and "Giant" (1956).
- On Sept. 26, 1960, Massachusetts Democratic Senator John F. Kennedy and Republican Vice President Richard M. Nixon face each other in the first nationally televised presidential campaign debate.
- On Sept. 25, 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice. After graduation from Stanford Law School in the 1950s, no law firm would hire her because she was a woman.
- On Sept. 24, 1996, best-selling author Stephen King releases two new novels at once. The first, "Desperation," was released under King's name, while the second, "The Regulators," was published under his pseudonym, Richard Bachman. He wrote six novels under the name Richard Bachman.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- According to the Veterinary Pet Insurance Company, the most popular dog name in the United States is Max, followed by Bailey, Buddy, Molly and Maggie. Interestingly, the No. 1 cat name also is Max, with Tigger, Smokey, Tiger and Chloe rounding out the top five.
- It was President Ronald Reagan who, in 1986, made the following observation: "Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."
- A mere 10 hours after its birth, a baby giraffe is able to run with its mother.
- If you have a young daughter, the following factoid might not come as a surprise to you: American girls between the ages of 3 and 11 each own an average of eight Barbie dolls.
- After this summer, which saw record-breaking high temperatures in many areas of the U.S., you might be interested to learn about a new development coming out of Japan: self-cooling clothes. Reuters reports that a company called Kuchou-fuku (which means "air-conditioned clothes" in Japanese) is producing shirts with two small fans sewn into the back. The fans, powered by a rechargeable battery pack, keep air moving across the skin, cooling the wearer. The \$96 cost has not seemed to deter factory workers in Japan, who are dealing with record-breaking heat of their own. There is a downside, however: The fans inflate the garments, so they aren't likely to catch on among Tokyo's trendsetters anytime soon -- no matter how hot it gets.

Thought for the Day: "I don't know if God exists, but it would be better for His reputation if He didn't." -- Jules Renard

PETS ON PARADE AT THE LIBRARY



On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of September is a collection of Littlest Pet Shops with animal figures. The collection is owned by Kaitlyn Hill, an 8-year old student at Wycallis Elementary School. Kaitlyn has been collecting these toys for two years. She loves animals and thinks the brightly colored pets are cute. Her favorites are the tropical bird with its "cool colors" and the chinchilla because it is very realistic looking. Kaitlyn received most of her collection as gifts but has bought some, too. Kaitlyn lives in Franklin Township and is the daughter of Carol and Harold Hill.

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Adults invited to broaden knowledge

LIBRARY NEWS

As evening skies begin to darken earlier and children are settled in their classes for the new school year, it's now time for adults to broaden their knowledge and acquire a few new skills, also!

The Back Mountain Memorial Library and the entire Luzerne County Library System in conjunction with the Tudor Bookshop & Café, will again sponsor the popular "Author Fest - 2007" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21, at Genetti's Best Western Hotel.

This annual event will feature 10 authors who will read and discuss excerpts from their current, newly-published books. The ticket price of \$16 will include a \$5 coupon toward the purchase of a book on the day of the event, as well as coffee/tea and an assortment of pastries and light refreshments.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will begin selling admission tickets, as well as raffle tickets, for the event during the last week of September. The price of the raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for

\$5. A list of prizes will be available at the library.

It is also time, once again, for our much-anticipated Adult Computer Classes. The one-day class will consist of basic computer skills and Internet training. Pre-registration is required and attendees will have their choice of dates, either Thursday, Oct. 11, or Thursday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes fill up quickly and names are taken on a first come - first served basis. Please call the library if interested!

A new program to be held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is "Vegetarian Basics for Everyone." This seminar will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11. The program will consist of a basic overview of a vegetarian diet and related health benefits. The sec-

ond hour of the seminar will be a demonstration of an easy, nutritious no-cook vegetarian meal and desert that you can make. Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 675-1182.

Prepare to be scared during our annual "Haunted Library." Once again, ghosts and goblins will hide in the basement of the library on October 19, 20 and 21 and also the following weekend on October 26, 27 and 28. Volunteer sign-up sheets are now available at the library. Call for more information.

The Slightly Read Bookshop is holding a Trade Paperback sale! The price is three paperbacks for \$2 while supply lasts. The Paperback Room of the Bookshop will be closed from October 1 to October 30 to prepare for the Haunted Library and the actual bookshop will be closed from October 15 to October 30. During this time, book donations will not be accepted due to space requirements. Both areas will re-open on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

20 YEARS AGO

The Diakon Company of Shavertown, owned by Stephen Demyun, has become the latest word in gift items now being marketed nationwide. Brass desk plaques having a unique shape carry messages for graduation, weddings, Christmas, birthdays and other commemorative days.

ONLY YESTERDAY

They were originated by Demyun in the late 1970's. However, he did not officially open his business, Diakon, until 1982 when the business was located in the basement of his Back Mountain home.

If you like good music, there's a real treat in Dallas these days. A band called "Dreamstate" has formed and has been performing for about six months now. Band members included Chris Peeler, Joe Petrillo, Jeff Vitz, Tony Valvana, Bill Jones and Cheri Eck.

In a special presentation last week, Barry Finn and Jim Shepherd of Back Mountain Bowl presented awards to the high bowlers of the 1986-1987 bowling season. Recipients of the trophies were Barbara A. Strazdus 263; Marcia Matthews 241; Betty Strazdus 588; Charles Kazokas 279; and Glen Mazer 725.

30 YEARS AGO

What are the water resources in the Back Mountain? Can the wells of approximately 20 private companies including the Dallas-Shavertown Water Company adequately supply the continued development, or within the near future will it be necessary to find another solution?

Rep. Frank O'Connell believes the solution to providing water service to a fast-growing Back Mountain area is the creation of a water authority with a merger

into one large source of supply. He believes that expansion is threatening the water resources of the Back Mountain; that the municipalities are reaching the time when they can no longer depend on wells but will need a reservoir.

The state representative pointed out that the Cross Valley Expressway presently under construction can be a major factor in creating accessibility and development to the local communities but that they will be penalized because of inadequate water supply.

Jean Johnson, Lex Hall and Rena Rothschild led the Dallas Women of Rotary to victory in the all-star game of the Backyard Volleyball League. The Dallas women defeated the Wilkes-Barre East End Rotary Club four games to one.

40 YEARS AGO

The Birthday Tea and Fashion Show of the Harvey's Lake Women's Service Club will be held October 3 at the Lake School. Mrs. Marilyn Gauntlet, of Lazarus, will be in charge. Mrs. Willard Sutton and Mrs. Elwood Davis are co-chairmen of the affair.

Kayak racing got underway in this area over the weekend when a number of young people met Gordon Miller, Olympic Coach, who also is in charge of coaching the Sebago Canoe Club of New York.

Interest in the sport locally came about through the efforts of John Pickett, East Dallas, who is a junior at Dallas High School and placed second in the Pan American Games in Canada this year.

Paul Hession was elected president of the Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Holy Name Society. Others elected were: William Kalinoski, vice president, Leo Mohen, treasurer, and Gus Faerber, secretary.

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. Carl J. Kern announces the opening of his office for the practice of chiropody in the building formerly occupied by the Trading Post Antique Shop on Memorial Highway at Fernbrook. Dr. Kern is a graduate of Lehman-Jackson-Ross High School and the University of Scranton. He attended the University of Notre Dame School of Biology and is a graduate of Temple University School of Chiropody.

Harvey's Lake Women's Service Club plans a Fashion Show and Holiday Party for Monday night in the Lake-Noxen High School Auditorium. Clothing will come from Estelle's Shop in Dallas. Co-Chairmen are Mrs. Elwood Davis and Mrs. Joseph Rauch.

William Conyngham, Trucksville, is the chairman of the fourth annual State Black and White Show to be held in Harrisburg on Friday. Among the exhibitors at the show will be Sandale Farms of Carverton and Hillside Farms of Trucksville.

60 YEARS AGO

Flower growers of the Back Mountain area gathered at Lehman Methodist Church Saturday evening to display their wares at the Friendship Flower Show. Flower entries were capably judge by Howard Ide, Ray Shiber and Mrs. Donald Finney. Prizes were received by the following: Mrs. Leonard Adamchick, Mrs. Albert Ide, Miss Nancy Parks, Mrs. Thomas Kingston, Mrs. Grant Ashburner, Mrs. Phyllis Hague, Marcia Elston, Susan Nuss, Francis Culp, Mrs. G.N. Carpenter, Geraldine Eustice, Edward Kent, Paul Snyder, Miss Sherry Howell, Mrs. Vincent Hartzel, Mrs. F.R. Searfoss and Charles Nuss, Jr.

Guy A. Smith, chairman of the Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, has announced the appointment of Harry L. Ohlman, as chairman of area eight comprising Dallas, Franklin,

Jackson, Kingston, Lake and Lehman Townships and Dallas Borough.

Howard L. Hendricks, supervising principal of Lehman Township Schools and teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Lehman Methodist Church, received the first annual Frank Hemelright Memorial Award for community service in the Back Mountain area at a joint dinner meeting of Dallas Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs at Irem Temple Country Club Wednesday night.

70 YEARS AGO

Dahlias from the lovely gardens of Mrs. George S. Sawyer of Church Street, Dallas, have won a total of 123 ribbons in four shows. One of Mrs. Sawyer's own dahlias which has created considerable interest is the "Ace of Spades," a huge, graceful bloom, tall and almost black, a real beauty. There is also a seedling, blood red, which has been widely admired.

A new ice cream bar recently installed by John Girvan in Girvan's Sunset View Restaurant on Lake Street is a beautiful example of fine craftsmanship in linoleum. The ice cream bar is constructed by black and green marbled material edged with chromium binding.

The ice cream bar is but a part of a number of improvements recently installed in the popular restaurant where Breyer's ice cream is sold exclusively.

Women from the Ladies Aid Societies of ten churches in the Dallas District attended a delightful luncheon and program at the Noxen M.E. Church. The program included vocal solos by Mrs. Richard Johnson.

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