

MONSTER MASH DISPLAY AT BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY



On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of October and just in time for Halloween is a monster collection. The collection includes over 20 large figures and over 25 small figures of Frankenstein, Wolfman, Werewolf of London, Dracula, mummies and other monsters. Ethan Sensbach, a third-grade student at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, owns the figures. Ethan started collecting the figures after watching the old classic monster movies. His favorite figure and movie is the "Werewolf of London." Ethan lives in Dallas and is the son of Kirsten and Skip Sensbach.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Oct. 18, 1922, "Robin Hood," starring Douglas Fairbanks, opens at Grauman's Egyptian Theater in Hollywood, Calif. As a publicity stunt two weeks before the premiere, Fairbanks had posed atop a New York hotel in costume and shot arrows from the building, accidentally injuring a man through an open window.
- On Oct. 19, 1939, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" debuts, starring James Stewart. World War II interrupted Stewart's film career. He became a bomber pilot and remained in the Air Force reserves for decades, rising to the rank of brigadier general.
- On Oct. 20, 1944, two liquid gas tanks explode in Cleveland, with flames shooting 2,500 feet in the air and leveling everything within a half mile. The explosion destroyed two factories, 79 homes in the surrounding area and more than 200 vehicles -- and killed 139 people.
- On Oct. 21, 1959, thousands of people line up in New York City outside a bizarrely shaped white concrete building that resembled a giant upside-down cupcake -- the Guggenheim Museum. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright worked on the building for sixteen years, finally seeing it open six months before his death.
- On Oct. 15, 1964, while trying to set a new 1 mile land-speed record, Craig Breedlove loses control of the Spirit of America jet-powered car, which began to skid at an initial speed of more than 400 mph. Six miles later, Breedlove was the not-so-proud record-holder for the longest skid marks ever recorded.
- On Oct. 16, 1976, "Disco Duck," a satirical send-up of the 1970s disco craze by Memphis disk jockey Rick Dees, becomes a No. 1 hit.
- On Oct. 17, 1994, taxicab driver Jeremy Levine returns to London, England, from a round-trip journey to Cape Town, South Africa. Passengers Mark Aylett and Carlos Aresse paid 40,000 pounds, or approximately \$65,000, for the 21,691-mile trip, setting a world record for the longest known taxicab ride.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Maurice Sendak, the writer and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "Where the Wild Things Are," who made the following sage observation: "Childhood is a tricky business. Usually, something goes wrong."
 - In China, you can pick up a pack of cigarettes for as little as 8 cents.
 - It probably comes as no surprise to you that singer Mariah Carey worked as a waitress before she became famous -- after all, working in a restaurant is practically a rite of passage for those who want to break into the entertainment industry. She also worked as a coat-check girl, though -- and she was fired for having a bad attitude.
 - You have to wonder what citizens were thinking when they adopted town names like Cranky Corner, Rabbit Hash and Idiotville. Yes, those are, indeed, real town names; you can find them in Louisiana, Kentucky and Oregon, respectively.
 - Morbid tidbit of the week: Human bodies suitable for research are valuable commodities; some hospitals and schools will pay \$220,000 for a single cadaver.
 - You've heard of dogs performing heroic acts -- they've even been mentioned in this column from time to time. But what about cats? As it turns out, there are feline heroes, too. Take Winnie, for instance: In March of this year, the Indiana cat alerted her family, the Keeslings, when poisonous carbon monoxide entered their house due to a broken water pump.
 - Think your kids are spoiled? Consider this: Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's new baby, Shiloh, was reported given a diamond-encrusted pacifier valued at \$17,000.
- Thought for the Day: "An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is an adventure wrongly considered." - G.K. Chesterton
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Not daunted by her polio, Jennie Congleton, of Dallas, takes her shih-poo, Tikki, for a walk every day using her travel scooter.

Share your pet pictures with other readers

Who's your best friend? If your very best friend in the whole wide world is your pet, we want to know about it.

Send us a picture of your pet -- whether it be a lovable puppy, a slimy iguana or a parrot with an extensive vocabulary -- and we'll share it with readers of The Dallas Post.

Tell us your name and address, your pet's name, his or her age, his or her breed and anything else you'd like everyone to know about your pet. Be sure to include your telephone number in the event we have questions.

Send everything to "Man and Beast," c/o The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or e-mail the picture to us at news@mydallaspost.com.

If you send a picture and would like to have it returned, be sure to include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

We'll publish the pictures in the order in which we receive them.

Books find new home on shelves of BMT Memorial Library

The following books have been added to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, for October 2007.

EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"Playing for Pizza" by John Grisham, "Exit Ghost" by Philip Roth, "The Choice" by Nicholas Sparks, "Shoot Him If He Runs" by Stuart Wood, "Sweet Revenge" by Diane Mott Davidson, "Burnt House" by Faye Kellerman, "Away" by Amy Bloom.

FICTION

"Playing for Pizza" by John Grisham, "Exit Ghost" by Philip Roth, "The Choice" by Nicholas Sparks, "Shoot Him If He Runs"

by Stuart Woods, "Pontoon" by Garrison Keillor, "Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict" by Laurie Viera Rigler, "A Perfect Grave" by Rick Mofina, "The Sanctuary" by Raymond Khoury, "Sweet Revenge" by Diane Mott Davidson, "Burnt House" by Faye Kellerman, "The Tenderness of Wolves" by Stef Penney, "The Master Bedroom" by Tessa Hadley, "Run" by Ann Patchett, "Sheer Abandon" by Penny Vincenzi, "Turpentine" by Spring Warren, "Almost Dead" by Lisa Jackson, "74 Seaside Avenue" by Debbie Macomber, "Beyond Reach" by Karin Slaughter, "Leopards Kill" by James DeFelice, "Pandora's Le-

gion" by Harold Coyle

NON-FICTION

"The Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears" by Theda Perdue, "Capturing the Moment in Oils" by David Curtis, "Off the Beaten Path: Oklahoma" by Deborah Bouziden, "Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island" by Karla Zimmerman and Celeste Brash, "Boston" by Mara Vorhees and John Spelman, "Machiavelli: Philosopher of Power" by Ross King, "Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar..." by Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein, "Road Novels 1957-1960" by Jack Kerouac, "The Plane Truth for Golfers Master Class" by Jim Hardy, "Knitting Sweaters from

the Top Down" by Cathy Carron

MYSTERY

"The Bloody Tower" by Carola Dunn, "The Red Dahlia" by Lynda LaPlante

BIOGRAPHY

"Promises to Keep" by Jose R. Biden, "The Age of Turbulence" by Alan Greenspan

LARGE PRINT NON-FICTION

"A Woman in Charge" by Carl Bernstein

YOUNG ADULT

"Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer, "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie, "Prom Nights from Hell" by Meg Cabot...[et al.], "The Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki" by Valerie Bodden

20 YEARS AGO

The Dallas Area Federated Women's Club recently made a contribution to the Dallas Elementary Playground Project. Club members present at the check presentation were: Marilyn Webster, Debbie Kinney, Barbara McCulloch, Grace McCue and Jane Gritman.



ONLY YESTERDAY

At the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Planning Council's Second Annual Meeting, two teachers from the Lake-Lehman School District will be honored for their involvement in the school prevention program for drug and alcohol.

The two teachers are Cathy Wolfe, an English teacher in the high school; and Debbie Phillips, an elementary school guidance counselor.

Dr. Alan Boonin of Dallas was recently chosen as the recipient of the first Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce Pride of Place (POP) award for landscaping of his Main Street building.

The award, a picture of the renovated building and property, was presented to Dr. Boonin by David L. Sheydwasser, Chairman of the Pride of Place Committee, at the Trade Fair Dinner at Genetti's Best Western Motor Inn.

30 YEARS AGO

Robert L. Dolbear, principal of Dallas Senior High School, has announced that Jane Szczepowicz has been named "Commended Student" in the 1978 competition for National Merit Scholarships.

Dallas Fire and Ambulance volunteers were on hand to greet the new American La France when it arrived in Dallas on Tuesday. The big truck is the first one made with a 200-inch wheel base.

A "Country Barn Sale" was

conducted by the members of the Dallas Junior Women's Club at the library auction barn, Main Street, Dallas. The sale included small appliances, furniture, toys, jewelry, books and miscellaneous articles.

40 YEARS AGO

Kent Jones, Lake-Lehman High School's versatile halfback, has added another award to his steadily rising acclaim. WILK Radio, in conjunction with Elby's Restaurant, has named Jones "Athlete of the Week." This award is presented on a weekly basis to a school athlete who has demonstrated outstanding abilities on the gridiron.

A nine-year-old from Orange won the Pass, Punt Kick Contest in his age group down in Kirby Park last Saturday, in competition with 55 others. Brian Sickler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sickler, and a fourth-grade student at Westmoreland Elementary School will now represent the Back Mountain in the area contest next Saturday.

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1967 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to two students at Dallas Senior High School, Ruth Besecker and John Anderson.

They are among 40,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper two percent of those who will graduate from high school in 1968. Both students are seniors, both members of the National Honor Society and both on the school newspaper.

50 YEARS AGO

A Shavertown girl, Betsy Rowlands, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rowlands, played a part in the dramatic operation that separated Siamese twin girls last Saturday morning at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. The operation was so uncommon -- in fact -- the American Medical Association said there have been

only four prior cases in this country in which such twins have been separated and survived -- that it never had been performed before at Children's Hospital in the famed institution's 102-year history.

Betsy, a student nurse at Wyoming Valley Hospital, is taking a three months special course in pediatrics at Children's Hospital, as part of the local hospital's advanced training program.

Did you see the Russian-launched satellite -- Sputnik -- in the eastern skies early Wednesday morning? At least five Back Mountain residents think they did -- and what they saw is also confirmed by two Wilkes-Barre men. Mrs. Louise Marks of Lehman was the first to call The Post.

Local scientists claim, "It would be impossible to see the satellite in this area with the naked eye." Did you see the satellite? At least seven Luzerne County residents think they did. It will take some talking to convince them that it was spots before their eyes.

Movies playing locally included "Man of a Thousand Faces" starring James Cagney, Dorothy Malone and Jane Greer at the Dallas Outdoor Theater; and "The Delicate Delinquent" starring Jerry Lewis and Darren McVain at the Himmler Theater, Dallas.

60 YEARS AGO

Lehman Township Volunteer Fire Company will present an interesting "Fire Prevention" program in the High School auditorium Friday evening. Winners of the Fire Prevention essays will be announced and presentation of awards will be made by Jack Graham, president of the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Company and H.L. Hendricks, president of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Company.

Taking the first step to encourage consolidation of high schools in the Back Mountain area, Dallas Township School

Board at its meeting Tuesday night unanimously instructed its secretary, Floyd Chamberlain, to draw up resolutions inviting all members and solicitors of Back Mountain school boards to a general meeting to discuss common school problems. Prime purpose of the meeting, the directors said, is to discuss the possibility of establishing a consolidated high school in a centrally located area.

Local Acme Super Markets were advertising the following prices: porterhouse steaks for 69 cents a pound; two dozen California oranges for 49 cents; and hamburger for 49 cents a pound.

70 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary Klove, head of the circulation department of Osterhout Free Library at Wilkes-Barre, will speak on "New Books and Alternates" at the meeting of the Dallas Borough Parent-Teacher Association on Monday night in the Dallas Borough high school auditorium.

Almost as important to Dallas motorists as the proposed Luzerne by-pass is the proposed bridge across the Susquehanna River at Union Street, Kingston, plans for which were approved by Luzerne County Commissioners this week.

The bridge would be the crowning achievement in the plans for a super highway which would put Dallas in a strategic position to cash in on heavy traffic which would be routed through town and would be a further contribution to this sections growth as a leading suburban region.

The Girl Reserves of Dallas will hold a sports dance at the Dallas Borough Auditorium. Davy Jones Orchestra will furnish rhythm and swing. Veronica Wallo is general chairman.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 118 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.