

## Get 'connected' at the BMT Library

Maintaining a balance between today's rapidly growing technology and the "old school" way can be somewhat of a struggle. Here at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, however, we combine both the usual and unique when searching or processing information!

We are proud to announce that our latest advance of Wireless Internet capability is now available free of charge. Anyone entering the library with his or her laptop computer may stop at the front desk for assistance to access our Wi-Fi.

It is recommended that you are familiar with the features of your own computer, as laptops and browsers do vary greatly. In particular, you need to be aware of any "pop-up blockers" and how to disable them.

Staff will enter our timed password in your computer for a two-hour usage period which may be extended if you need additional time. Come in and let us help you connect!

### 'Creatures' in the basement

It has recently been reported that mysterious "creatures," including ghosts, goblins and their "prehistoric friends" are residing in the basement of the Back Mountain Memorial Library! Anyone wanting to see if this is true may attend our Haunted Library this weekend and next

## LIBRARY NEWS

weekend - October 26, 27 and 28.

The Haunted Library will be open from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday evenings during the above-mentioned dates. Admission price is \$6 and all proceeds will benefit the library.

A light assortment of food will be available for purchase, including bake sale goodies. Younger children will be able to participate in outdoor games and crafts.

### Bookshops will be closed

The Slightly Read Bookshop and the Paperback Room of the Bookshop will be closed from now to October 30 due to the Haunted Library. During this time, book donations will not be accepted due to space requirements. Both areas will re-open on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

### Wreath Workshop slated

It's never too early to prepare for the upcoming holiday season and to help you "get in the spirit" we are offering a Holiday Wreath Workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The fee for supplies is \$20 and must be paid at the time of registration. Call the library at 675-1182 to pre-register.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Have you ever noticed that men's garments have buttons on the right side, while women's clothes have buttons on the left? Considering the fact that 90 percent of all people -- men and women both -- are right-handed, it seems strange, doesn't it? As it turns out, there is a reason for the difference. Buttons were first used in Europe in the 13th century, and at that time, only the wealthy could afford them. Since most men dressed themselves, their buttons were placed on the right; since most women were dressed by their servants, their buttons were placed on the left.

• You might think that the inventor of the ubiquitous safety pin might have made a tidy profit. You'd be wrong, though; he sold the patent on the device for a paltry \$400.

• Before he achieved fame as an actor, Danny DeVito worked as a hairdresser. It's been reported, though, that he only took the job in order to meet girls.

• You hear a lot in the news about recent dry seasons in the American Southwest, and everyone knows that the Sahara Desert is rather lacking in water, but these places seem like oases when compared to the Atacama Desert, located in Chile, on the west coast of South America. It holds the dubious distinction of being the world's driest place; some parts of this desert haven't had a single drop of rain in hundreds of years. Perhaps unsurprisingly considering the harshness of this terrain, early versions of the Mars rover were tested there.

• It took 200 years to build Italy's famed Leaning Tower of Pisa, while India's main tourist attraction, the Taj Mahal, was built in only 22 years.

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Thought for the Day: "Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." -- Pericles

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

• On Oct. 22, 1797, above Paris, the first parachute jump of note is made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin with an attached hydrogen balloon. Garnerin attached the parachute to a hydrogen balloon and ascended to an altitude of 3,200 feet before cutting the parachute from the balloon.

• On Oct. 26, 1825, an ingenious method of communication is used to inform New York City that the Erie Canal is complete. Cannons were arranged along the length of the canal, each within hearing distance of the next cannon. As each cannon was fired, it signaled the next. Within 81 minutes, the word was relayed to New York, the fastest communication the world had ever known.

• On Oct. 27, 1858, entrepreneur Roland Macy finally hits the jackpot when he opens his own department store. The New York store, Macy's, became an immediate success.

• On Oct. 25, 1912, comedian Minnie Pearl is born. Pearl was famous for her Grand Ole Opry comic monologues about hillbilly life and was featured on the long-running syndicated show "Hee Haw" from 1970 to 1990. Pearl died in 1996.

• On Oct. 23, 1942, bestselling "Jurassic Park" author Michael Crichton is born in Chicago. Crichton wrote potboilers while working on his medical degree at Harvard. During his final year of medical school, the 6-foot-9-inch Crichton published "The Andromeda Strain" (1969) and decided to write full time instead of practicing medicine.

• On Oct. 28, 1950, popular radio personality Jack Benny moves to television with "The Jack Benny Show." The TV version of the show ran for the next 15 years. Jack Benny was born Benjamin Kubelsky in 1894.

• On Oct. 24, 1969, movie star Richard Burton dazzles wife Elizabeth Taylor with a 69-carat Cartier diamond ring costing \$15 million. The diamond was the product of a fight they had in a restaurant. Burton called Taylor's hands large and ugly and she responded that he'd better buy her the 69-carat ring she wanted so that her hands would look smaller and more attractive.

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# MAN & BEAST

After the death of her beloved husband in 2005, Cheryl Lasky admits to being so lost and lonely that she needed to be needed. That's when she adopted Brutus and Murphy, her "furry children" and her best friends. Brutus is a 4-year-old Greyhound who was rescued from a terrible life at a dog track. Murphy is a 2-year-old black Lab, who was at the SPCA for five months before going to live with Cheryl. Brutus and Murphy are good friends and love to romp and play together, in addition to bringing so much joy to her.

Whenever she comes home, Cheryl finds them at the door to greet her and they're always overjoyed to see her.

When she's home, they're always by her side as she loves and pampers them. Cheryl says she thought she was rescuing Brutus and Murphy when, in reality, they were rescuing her!



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.

### 20 YEARS AGO

After weeks of foot-dragging, construction of a warning siren in Lehman Township finally got underway two weeks ago. Since 1982 the Jackson Township Advisory Committee, along with officials from the State Correctional Institute at Dallas and local legislators, have been pressing for the installation of three warning sirens at various sites.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

Coach Robin Cummins of Kunkle will be working with three Back Mountain residents on the King's College women's basketball team when practice gets underway this month. Angie Kern, Kim Rinehimer and Rhonda Hudzik will be all members of the King's team.

Members of the Lehman United Methodist Youth Fellowship are planning this year's Haunted House. Participants include Earl Weidner, Kim Weidner, Shawn Clark, Jamie Moyer and Sheryl Clark.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Dallas High School seniors nominated seven senior girls as candidates for Homecoming Queen to reign over homecoming activities Saturday. The girls nominated are Michele Riegel, Liz Goble, Donna Richardson, Laurie Santarelli, Julie Burke, Dawn Walsh and Janice Ziegler.

Members of the Dallas High School Homecoming planning committee were: Julie Burke, Lisa McCartney, Gail Pratt, Joan

Gregory, Lori Lusheski, Susan Dreher, Lori Saba, Gloria Hazlett, Anne Harleman, Suzanne Williams, Karen Kern, Diane Watchulonis, Janice Ziegler and Bert Brace.

Dallas Majorettes presented a demonstration for the band parents last Monday night. Participants included Michele Riegel, Kathi Bonawitz, Dawn Davenport, Jackie Hanadel, Diane Sherin, Gail Pratt, Michelle Chapel, Laurie Santarelli, Vernanne Lord, Michelle Krivak and Lynn Lewis.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Dallas Junior Women's Club held a Hoagie Sale with Mrs. Robert Andrews as chairman. Co-chairmen included Mrs. Harold Haefle, Mrs. James Parry and Mrs. Paul Lauer.

Prompt action by local firemen saved the Singer plant from destruction early Sunday morning when the Hillside Manufacturing Company was consumed by flames. The former munitions factory, which produces ammunition for World War II appears to be demolished.

Reverend Charles F. Gommer, Jr., pastor of Trucksville Methodist Church, installed officers of the Junior and Senior High Youth Fellowship in the morning worship hour last Sunday. The officers are: JoAnn Gensel, Bonnie Long, Paula Richards, Holly Phillips, Barbara Long, Nancy Mathers, Bob Kleiner, Lee Eckart, Clifford Engler and Jim Pichart.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Lehman-Jackson-Ross School, with 271 students absent out of an enrollment of 984,

closed yesterday (Thursday) for the weekend to give students a chance to recover.

The new Club House of Harvey's Lake Rod and Gun Club is ready for occupancy, though much remains to be done to the interior. The twenty by thirty foot cement block structure was erected by Dodson and Hudak. Officers of the club included: Dean Shaver, president, Carlton Kocher, first vice president, Fred Dodson, second vice president, Bill Robbins, third vice president, Herman Kern, treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm Nelson, financial secretary, and Mrs. William Robbins, corresponding secretary.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Champion Coolyn Wonder, son of Whirlwind, earned by Mrs. Z. Platt Bennett's Coolyn Hill Kennels, Huntsville, won the terrier group among 900 exhibited at the International Kennel Club Show in Chicago. Coolyn Wonder, sweet tempered and friendly, shows like a million. He is beautifully balanced, deep-chested, with dark eyes, and is alert every minute he is in front of the judges. With his even disposition this makes a fine combination.

Six Holsteins from the herd of H.J. Sands & Son of Carverton were among the prize winners at the Bloomsburg Fair. Their herd sire, Smithhaven Ragapple Ex-

plorer, won first prize for four-year olds.

Other prizes won by the Sands herd were third and sixth places for bull calves, and third and fourth places for senior yearlings, also fourth place for "get of sire" of the former herd sire, Montvic Pathfinder Pietje.

Mrs. Joseph Rauch was chosen president and Mrs. Fred Swanson, vice president at the first election of officers of Harvey's Lake Service Women's Club.

### 70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Floyd Sanders has been selected to head the Division West Side Municipalities in the sixteenth annual campaign for funds of Community Welfare Federation. The campaign will begin next month. Mrs. Sanders led the Dallas group "over the top" last year.

The annual Autumn Supper of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown, will be held Wednesday night. Mrs. Jacob Laux, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Jacob Beline, Mrs. Herman Sieber and Mrs. Andrew Fisher.

Lee Tracy, stage and screen star, may visit his mother, Mrs. W.L. Tracy of Shavertown, when he makes a trip East this winter to do a new play in New York. Mrs. Tracy this week confirmed the report that Lee, who has just signed for a new picture with RKO, will return to the stage, his first and fondest love after his mother, this winter.

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