

## VETERAN'S DAY

# Senator Lisa Baker advocates for vets

By Senator Lisa Baker  
For The Dallas Post

My first 10 months in the Senate have been very busy but also very productive and rewarding. As chair of the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, I have been devoting a great deal of time to legislation to help our veterans and active military personnel.

Historically, Pennsylvanians have answered the call to defend freedom in astounding numbers. Currently, more than 1.5 million veterans — roughly 10 percent of the state's population — call Pennsylvania home. This represents one of the largest veterans' populations in the nation and I am extremely proud of these extraordinary men and women.

I believe we have an obligation to all veterans to honor their service and contributions, both in peace and war. I have always been a steadfast supporter of veterans' programs and organizations and, in my new role, I want to make sure we are doing all we can to meet the needs of the men and women who have given so much to our Commonwealth and our Country.

That's why I authored and introduced Senate Bill 915 — which recently passed the Senate unanimously — to improve veterans' outreach and assistance throughout Pennsylvania.

Now being considered by the House of Representatives, this initiative will provide financial assistance to nationally accredited veteran service organizations such as the American Legion, AMVETS, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Disabled American Veterans.

The program will be coordinated by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to enhance the numbers of veterans service officers available to help returning veterans deal with federal, state and local benefits claims processes. It will also require the department to measure performance and program outcomes and, most importantly,



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ensure the continual improvement of services to Pennsylvania's veterans' community.

Senate Bill 915 is a tremendous starting point for improvement, but it is by no means an end. In order to best meet the needs of our veterans community, we will continue our work to enhance and better coordinate the continuum of services that exist across state, county and independent veterans' programs so that veterans in need can get the proper supports to regain their mental, physical and economic health to reconnect with their families and communities and to resume productive lives.

Of all the matters that come before the General Assembly, few are as important as meeting the needs of those who risked their lives for their nation and returned home, or preserving the memory of those who gave their lives and did not. It is an honor to serve as chair of the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee and I will continue to advance legislation and programs to better serve our veterans.

I would like to thank those who are keeping the memories of service and sacrifice alive. We are grateful to gather as a free people in a free nation and to freely offer our respect to those who have demonstrated the most extraordinary form of duty and devotion.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

## The History Channel

- On Nov. 20, 1820, the American whaler Essex is attacked by an 80-ton sperm whale 2,000 miles from the western coast of South America. Herman Melville's classic novel "Moby-Dick" (1851) was inspired in part by the story of the Essex.
  - On Nov. 19, 1863, at the dedication of a military cemetery in Pennsylvania during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history, the 272-word Gettysburg Address.
  - On Nov. 23, 1936, the first issue of the pictorial magazine Life is published. Publisher Henry Luce meant for the magazine to provide a way for the American people "to see life; to see the world; to eye-witness great events."
  - On Nov. 25, 1947, film industry executives announce that 10 directors, producers and actors who have refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee, and name others who allegedly belonged to the Communist Party, will be fired or suspended. The "Hollywood Ten" were also jailed and fined for contempt of Congress.
  - On Nov. 22, 1955, record company RCA announces that it has purchased the recording contract for Elvis Presley from Sun Records for \$35,000 — a record sum at the time. Presley received a \$5,000 advance, which he used to buy a pink Cadillac for his mother.
  - On Nov. 24, 1971, hijacker D.B. Cooper parachutes from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 with \$200,000 in ransom money in his possession. In 1980, an 8-year-old boy found nearly \$5,880 of the money along the Columbia River, 5 miles from Vancouver, Washington. Cooper's fate remains a mystery.
  - On Nov. 21, 1980, 350 million people around the world tune in to television's popular primetime drama "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R. Ewing. The new episode solved the mystery, identifying Kristin Shepard, J.R.'s sister-in-law and his former mistress, as the culprit.
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## Man & Beast



### Sheba

Sheba is a 4-year-old golden retriever who lives with her owner in Dallas. Four years ago, Sheba's owner (who wishes to remain anonymous) received a phone call, asking her if she wanted a 4-month-old golden retriever. She thought about it for about five minutes before leaving the house to pick up the dog. Today, Sheba is a sweetheart who usually sits either at or on her owner's feet. She is full of life and, according to her owner, a good companion for an old retired grandmother. Sheba is shown here with her "buddy" at holiday time.

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.

## One day left to buy place fruit, cake orders

Our eyes may still be getting adjusted to the earlier onset of nightfall, but our thoughts are already on the upcoming holidays, which means fun, friends and of course... food!

With that in mind, there is still one more day to place your order at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for its annual Holiday Citrus Fruit/Cheesecake Sale. The Friends of the Library are once again sponsoring this sale, which includes delicious pineapples, juicy Florida navel oranges, Indian River red grapefruit or a sampler of both. Gourmet cheesecakes are also available.

The deadline to place an order is November 19 and all orders must be pre-paid. Delivery times will be Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8, however cheesecakes must be

picked up on Friday, Dec. 7 in order to guarantee quality.

#### Entertainment books available

The library also has answers for those hard-to-shop-for people on your holiday lists. We are once again selling the Northeast Pennsylvania edition of Entertainment books, which includes discount coupons for area restaurants and businesses. The price of each book is only \$20. Stop in soon before our limited supply is gone!

#### Engraved brick makes great gift

Another unique gift idea is to purchase an engraved brick in memory of or in honor of a special person. The cost of a brick is \$100 and includes three lines of engraving.

Names of family members or friends whom you wish to commemorate or honor on the brick will then be added to the walkway outside the front entrance of the library. Order forms are available at the library.

#### Library lists Thanksgiving hours

But before you begin any shopping, slow down and take a break on the day we pause to count our blessings... Thanksgiving Day which is Thursday, Nov. 22.

The library will be closed on this day and will re-open on Friday, Nov. 23, for its usual hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Slightly Read Bookshop will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 24, and will re-open on Monday, Nov. 26.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Lake-Lehman High School recently celebrated its Homecoming. Prior to the game, the Homecoming Queen and her court, escorted by parents, were announced and honored. Kristin Reese, Huntsville, was crowned queen. Runners-up were Karen Crispell, Harvey's Lake; and Darcy Kittle, Sweet Valley. The court also included Karen Stepanki, Hunlock Creek; Stephanie Kukosky, Sweet Valley; Joanne Boyle, Dallas; and Angela Bonomo, Hunlock Creek.



#### ONLY YESTERDAY

The Dallas Mountaineers racked up a 27-0 win in Saturday's Old Show Game against Lake-Lehman. The Dallas team won the honor to retain possession of the Old Shoe trophy.

Debbie Higgins, of Dallas, has been named editor of The Dallas Post. Higgins replaces Dotty Martin who has resigned from that position to begin a weekly newspaper in Kingston. Martin has served as editor of The Dallas Post for 4 1/2 years.

#### 30 YEARS AGO

Debbie Drake has been appointed manager of the Dallas area office of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Wilkes-Barre. Miss Drake is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Becky Bestwick has been named to represent Dallas Senior High School in the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Contest. Becky will compete with other students in the valley, chosen based on qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, for the award.

Books 'N Things book and gift shop recently opened next to the Jeans Shop, off Harvey's Lake Memorial Highway, Dallas. Charles Reidlinger, librarian at College Misericordia for the past 11 years, is the owner of the new shop. The store will stock Norcross cards and gift wrappings.

#### 40 YEARS AGO

The Lake-Noxen Alumni Association honored four of its teachers during American Education Week. Robert Belles, Jessica Thomas, Mildred Garinger and Florence Worth have served the Lake-Noxen schools for 25 years or more.

Lake-Lehman's prize winning high school band was invited this week to take part in the Cherry Blossom Festival next April in Washington, D.C. John Milauskas will direct.

A delightful presentation, "January Thaw" was presented by the senior class of Dallas High School in the school auditorium. Edgar Hughes is directing the production assisted by M. Novicki and K. Woychik as student directors.

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Gate of Heaven school addition will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan officiating. Rev. Richard Frank will be master of ceremonies at the official dedication of the auditorium.

All Christmas trees and evergreen limbs cut from nearly 400,000 acres in parts of five counties must be inspected for the possible presence of gypsy moth egg masses prior to movement from the areas, according to the State Department of Agriculture. The precautionary measure is to prevent the spread of highly destructive gypsy moth caterpillars.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a grocery store in your own home, ready to serve you 24 hours a day every day of the year? It certainly would — particularly during this busy season — and anyone can have such a "store," with a chest or upright freezer.

#### 60 YEARS AGO

A power overload threw out a circuit breaker early Monday evening at Dallas sub-station of Luzerne County Gas and Electric Corporation causing Dallas to be in darkness for three quarters of an hour. It was the second interruption of service within a week.

Dallas Bakery opened its doors this week in the former Teen-Age building with Jim Slavin as owner and Lew Baron as the baker. The firm will conduct a general baking business and plans to have two or more trucks on the road.

Dallas Senior Girl Scout Troop will sponsor a bazaar in which they will feature hand made luncheon sets, stuffed animal toys and dozens of other articles suitable for holiday gifts. Proceeds will be used to buy uniforms and to defray costs of summer camping. Scout members

are: Nancy Antrim, Elsie Aderes, Betty Berretini, June Colwell, Dorothy Coyle, Nancy Carey, Claire Greising, Ruth Hyacox, Barbara Ide, Betty Jackson, Nancy Kraybille, Nancy Delbert, Jean DeRemer, Joan Kear, Elizabeth McQuillin, Anna Mae Shaffer and Virginia Brunges.

#### 70 YEARS AGO

Apples from the orchards of Ira France and George Berlew of Dallas and Senator A.J. Sordoni of Harvey's Lake were selected as among the five best exhibits at the Luzerne County Apple Show which is being held in connection with the Food Show at Wilkes-Barre Armory this week.

Rising poultry prices in the pre-Thanksgiving markets are expected to be profitable for local poultrymen and housewives will probably find Old Man High Cost of Living a silent guest at the Thanksgiving feast.

In the past few years, turkey prices have been so low many growers lost heavily and were forced out of business. The decrease in the number of turkey farms is one explanation for the scarcity which will send prices up this year.

A number of cases of mild scarlet fever have been reported through this section, mostly in Dallas and Kingston Township, and school authorities are taking steps to protect pupils.

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.