

Homework help available on BMT library's website

Although area students are anticipating more snow days and the upcoming holidays, parents and teachers alike know that there is a still a lot of schoolwork to do between now and that last day before winter break. Back Mountain Memorial Library would like to remind students (and frustrated parents!) to discover an easy and educational way to receive help with homework.

By visiting our website at www.backmountainlibrary.org and clicking on the link for Live Homework Help, your students in grades 4 through 12 can receive help from personal tutors right at home via the Internet. Tutors are available in all subjects. Spanish-speaking tutors are also available. After clicking on the homework help icon, students enter their grade level and subject and they will instantly be connected to an expert tutor. This service is available from 3 to 10 p.m. every day.

Holiday Open House planned

Students are not the only people busy at this time of year, though. The library staff is already planning for the upcoming winter holidays. Our Annual Holiday Open House is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 19 and 20. Be sure to schedule a peaceful break amidst your shopping and baking and stop by the library to relax and enjoy light refreshments on those days. While you're here, you may even find a book that has just the perfect idea for a holiday celebration!

Excellent gift ideas

If you are searching for gifts for those hard-to-shop for people on your shopping list, remember that the library offers a few unique ideas. We are

once again selling the North-east 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!

Bricks make great gifts

Another meaningful 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 or you may call 675-1182 for more information.

Holiday books, greeting cards available

Don't forget to also visit our Slightly Read Bookshop downstairs to check out the great selection of holiday books and greeting cards. From holiday cookbooks to great winter reading, the bookshop offers the best bargains in the Back Mountain!

The bookshop will be open during its regular hours (from 1 to 7 p.m., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays) through December 22. It will then be closed for two weeks and will re-open on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Holiday hours

The Back Mountain Memorial library will be closed on both Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) and Tuesday, Dec. 25, to celebrate Christmas and on Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) and Tuesday, Jan. 1, to celebrate New Year's Day. It will re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 2, for normal hours.



"Asta" was 5 years old when his family took this delightful picture of him while walking in Frances Slocum State Park. Today, Asta, a Rough Coat Collie mix like Lassie, is 10 years old. His name comes from the "Thin Man" movie series his owners, Joseph Fauzio and Donna Scott-Fauzio of Idetown Road in Dallas, watched as kids on WVIA-TV/Channel 44. The lead characters in the show, Nick and Nora Charles, owned a rat terrier which inspired the Fauzios to choose the name. Joseph and Donna claim Asta is very affectionate and (mostly) obedient and admit he is a "one in a million dog."

MAN & BEAST

SHARE YOUR PET PICTURES WITH OUR 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.

Reader horrified over 'hacked off' limbs of two beautiful old maple trees

Dear Editor:
"Quality of Life" is an elusive term; it means different things to different people and very few communities actually write down a definition of it.

For me, one major component of quality of life is beauty. Of course, beauty is also described in various ways by various beholders; "Eye Wash" by the military or "curb-appeal" by real estate people.

What few people seem to realize is that the most abundant beauty of our life is very often our own world, "naturally." It never ceases to amaze me how adept humans are at making our surroundings downright ugly. Does anyone really believe that strip malls are beautiful? We seem to go out of

our way to make development like this as painful to the eye as possible.

Beauty is cheap. It does not have to be expensive. All it takes is a little thought. When you think of "Home Sweet Home" do you picture that concrete bench under the mercury vapor light overlooking the paved parking lot next to the major-chain drugstore? I didn't think so.

One of the things I love about Pennsylvania is the plethora of back roads. It is one of the reasons that I moved here. I live on a back road and it is always enjoyable to drive and gaze at the natural beauty. There is always something different and comfortable on the eye.

A favorite vision of mine has always been a couple of beautiful, old maple trees I pass down the road from my house. They are huge, perfectly shaped and healthy as they are not crowded by any other surrounding trees. I watch them blossom in the spring, cast enormous shadows of shade in the summer and turn bright colors in the fall. They are like a loving couple growing old gracefully side by side. They are absolutely lovely, great for the environment and without cost of any kind.

This is why I was horrified to pass them last week and see all of their limbs hacked off. Their robust trunks still standing side by side, stripped, naked, waiting the return of the chainsaws

and chipper; condemned innocents, beaten, humiliated, bleeding, now looking forward to the coupe de grace that will end this torture.

The one beautiful feature to balance out the drabness of the non-descript house they were in front of is now gone forever. Now that house is nothing, just another strip-mall with nothing to distinguish it from the rest of the houses near it. Whatever the reasons were that made the owner cut those trees down, I doubt that I would be convinced of the necessity.

So much for the Quality of Life in the Back Mountain.

George Trovato
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GOLD AWARD PROJECT AIDS LIBRARY



Heather Mines, a senior at Dallas High School, recently received the Girl Scout Gold Award for helping the Back Mountain Memorial Library in two ways. She designed and created a room for the Haunted Library fundraiser and collected and donated numerous arts and craft supplies for the story hour programs in the Children's Room. Mines raised the money by conducting a bake sale at a local grocery store. In addition, she placed collection boxes within the library for patrons to contribute new and extra craft supplies to her cause. Story hour volunteers were thrilled to see the amount and variety of articles available to them for story hour crafts like construction paper, foams of every shape and size, glue, markers, chenille stems and stickers. Mines has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and was a member of troops 2929 and 2627. She is currently a Juliette Girl Scout.

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20 YEARS AGO

The seat belt legislation mandating their use in Pennsylvania, signed by Gov. Robert P. Casey last week, brings varied reaction from motorists in the Back Mountain area.

The Junior High Youth Fellowship of Huntsville Christian Church is holding a holiday movie matinee performance of "It's

ONLY YESTERDAY

A Wonderful Life" on Sunday at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus' Hayfield House. Planners included Dawn Hando, Stacey Yanalunas, Amanda Marshall, Barbie Campbell, Noell Brooks, Heather Isaac, John Russell, Jason Bowen, Dave Larkins, Harry Haas, Mike Twichell and Matt Campbell.

Gate of Heaven School, Macheil Avenue, Dallas, has been notified by the Governing Board of Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools that they have been awarded certification. Members of the school's action committee are: Mary Grace Cascio, Kathleen McCarthy, Janet Furman, Teresa Rutkoski, Sr. M. Davida Morgan, RSM, principal, Deborah Wysocki and Abe Simon.

30 YEARS AGO

Dallas Kiwanis Club is observing their 50th anniversary this year. The local club was founded as the Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club in 1927. Members of the club who are taking part in anniversary programs are: George McCutcheon, Bob Lawhorn, Paul Hession, Robert Dolbear, Walter Kozemchak, Arch Austio and Reese Pelton.

Basil Russin of Dallas is the first registered Democrat elected to serve on the Dallas School District Board of Directors since

the jointure and, in fact, the first Democrat to serve on a Dallas School Board since Ralph Elston was elected to the Dallas Township board in 1937.

The Seventeen Fashion Board from Lazarus Department Store modeled many beautiful fashions in the recent card party and fashion show sponsored by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Co-Chairmen of the event were Mrs. Genie Wartella and Mrs. Linda Vozniak.

40 YEARS AGO

Members of the Dallas Woman's Club Choral have been rehearsing for the past ten weeks to bring to the people of Wyoming Valley a beautiful Christmas Program. As in the past, the choral started to sing on December 1st and will entertain at luncheons, dinners, civic and service dinners and holiday parties through December 22.

Members of the chorale are: Mrs. Al Turner, Mrs. George Yatsko, Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. William Jones, Paul Lauer, Mrs. Glen Case, Mrs. Willis Hape-man, Mrs. Robert Carey, Mrs. William Carroll, Mrs. Donald Law, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Leo Mohen, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Joseph Kaminski, Mrs. Robert Kirchner, Mrs. Robert Spears, Mrs. Lamont Holdsworth, Mrs. John McGoey, Mrs. Joseph Katyl, Mrs. William Walp, Mrs. Victor Cross, Mrs. Ralph Fitch and Mrs. Walter Davidson.

Edgar Lashford was elected president of the Lake-Lehman School Board at Monday night's organization meeting. J. Franklin Patton took the post of vice president.

Henry M. Laing Fire Company will have a new fire truck pumper. The latest piece of equipment for the volunteers who protect the homes in a wide area of the Back Mountain, will arrive sometime in the summer, the order being placed at the last meet-

ing of the Association.

50 YEARS AGO

Dallas Branch of Miners Bank is a busy place any day in the week but Saturday morning it really hummed. Sixteen youngsters from the art department of Dallas Area schools converged on the bank to do a little Christmas decorating. They were under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy T. Whitney, School Art Supervisor. Before the day was over they had decorated the temporary partitions between the old and new bank structure with nativity and holiday scenes.

Among the painters were: Sharon Pickauski, Janey Kelly, Sharon Evans, Sharon Phillips, Judy Bergstrasser, William Baker, Jean Fleming, Susan Smith, Linda Davies, Ann Mulhern, Sherrill Owens, Robert Brown, William Ziegenfuss, Paula Scott and Georgia McCutcheon.

A Dallas Township widow learned the hard way Tuesday morning that you can't eat venison out of season without a fine, even if the deer was fattened on your garden vegetables and young apple trees. Mrs. Dorothy Babchalk, who makes a living from her orchards, found the deer under one of her apple trees. It had been struck and killed by a public utility truck.

She assumed that the carcass was hers since it had died on her property. She cut some of it up and naively invited any and all neighbors to share the meat. Someone must have been overlooked and offended. On Monday morning, four representatives from the State Game Commission called at the Babchalk front door and fined the widow \$100.

60 YEARS AGO

The Young Men's Class of Kunkle Methodist Sunday School elected the following officers: David Parsons, president; Calvin Myers, vice president;

Nelson Ashburner, secretary, and Art Mauer, treasurer.

Movies playing this week at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "The Hucksters" starring Clark Gable, Deborah Kerr, Sidney Greenstreet and Ava Gabor; "The Macomber Affair" starring Gregory Peck, Joan Bennett and Robert Preston; and "Last Frontier Uprising" starring Monte Hale and Adrian Booth.

70 YEARS AGO

A semi-formal dance is being planned by the Girl Reserves of Dallas Borough High School on December 28 in the high school auditorium. Miss Helen Himmeler is the newly elected advisor of the club. Committee members include Alberta Harvey, Mary Templin, Florence Dempski, Ann Sutton, Beverly Wagner, Gertrude Kintz, Veronica Wall, Audrey O'Kane, Dorothy V. Horn, Louise Space, Mary Jeter, Jean Hayden, Ruth Kresge, Marion Eipper and Jane Coolbaugh.

Defying pickets who have been conducting a strike against J.B. Carr Biscuit Company, Wilkes-Barre, about sixty persons of this section have accepted jobs at the plant and are escorted to work in a protected caravan every morning.

Piano pupils of Miss Lillian Rood of Dallas gave a lovely recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Lacy of Shavertown on Monday night. Youthful pianists who played were Charles Cook, Naomi Hons, Louise Dodson, Dick Case, Janice Lacy, Janet Post, Ralph Templin, Ernestine Baker, Prentice Lacy, Claire June Malckemes, Margarit Davis, Louise Hazletine, Dorothy Smith, June Benning and Marian Jones.

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