

## Relay for Life team will meet Jan. 14

The Relay for Life of Back Mountain will host a meeting to discuss this year's Relay for Life at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, in the Heritage Room of the Misericordia University Library.

The meetings are open to any interested persons looking for more information on the Relay For Life itself, how to acquire sponsors and fund-raisers. Team representatives from the 2007 event are encouraged to attend.

Refreshments will be served and team registrations can also be done that evening. The early registration deadline is January 31, 2008 to enjoy a \$50 discount. Register online at [www.events.cancer.org/rflpa-backmountain](http://www.events.cancer.org/rflpa-backmountain). The planning committee is also looking to fill some key positions.

For more information or to register for the meeting, contact Stephanie Bombay, Income Development Specialist, at 383-4701,

ext. 3331 or Stephanie.Bombay@cancer.org.

The 2008 Relay for Life of Back Mountain will be held May 30-31 beginning at 5 p.m. It is a 24-hour team event to celebrate survivorship and raise funds for cancer research, education, advocacy and service programs. Last year, the Relay For Life of Back Mountain raised more than \$55,000.

The Relay For Life brings together teams from local businesses, schools, churches and families for camaraderie, food, fun, music, entertainment, a night under the stars - all while team members take turns walking or running on a track. Relay For Life features a Cancer Survivors Victory Lap and reception to celebrate life. The evening's moving Luminaria Ceremony memorializes those who have been lost to cancer while honoring those who are fighting or have conquered the disease.

## Head Start is currently accepting applications

Luzerne County Head Start, Inc. is currently accepting applications in Luzerne and Wyoming counties for the 2008-2009 school year. A federally and state-funded comprehensive preschool program, Head Start gives 3 and 4-year-old low-income children a chance to achieve their full potential and attain school readiness.

Free services are offered, including education, health, social services, parental involvement, nutrition, bus transportation when possible and opportunities for children with disabilities. In addition, full-day, full-year child care partnership services are provided in West Pittston and Wilkes-Barre.

Families must meet specific criteria, including age and income eligibility to qualify. Parents/guardians are encouraged to apply early as selection for the new school year will begin in

June 2008.

Luzerne County Head Start, Inc. also runs a PA Pre-K Counts state-funded pre-school program in partnership with several school districts in Luzerne County. This program provides similar comprehensive services to 3 and 4-year-old children and their families; however, income eligibility is set higher and no transportation is provided.

Another program within the Luzerne County Head Start agency is Early Head Start, a full-year child development and family support program for pregnant women and families with children from birth to age 3, available in the Wilkes-Barre, West Side, and Hazleton areas.

To apply or for additional information about Head Start, Pre-K Counts or Early Head Start, please call (570) 829-6231 or toll-free 1-800-551-5829.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

- On Jan. 11, 1927, Charlie Chaplin's \$16 million estate is frozen by court receivers after his second wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, sues for divorce. Lita was a 16-year-old hopeful actress when the 35-year-old Chaplin married her in 1924.
- n Jan. 13, 1939, Arthur "Doc" Barker is killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay. Barker, of the notorious "Bloody Barkers" gang, was spotted on the shore of the island after climbing over the walls.
- On Jan. 12, 1944, Alfred Hitchcock's "Lifeboat" premieres at the Astor Theater in New York. "Lifeboat" demonstrated Hitchcock's mastery of suspense by confining all action to the space of the small boat.
- On Jan. 10, 1961, Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Maltese Falcon," dies. The novel was filmed three times: once in 1931; once in 1936 under the title "Satan Met a Lady," starring Bette Davis; and again in 1941, starring Humphrey Bogart.
- On Jan. 8, 1976, "Ragtime" by E.L. Doctorow is awarded the National Book Critics Circle Award. The book deals with race relations in the 1920s, mixing fictional characters with real figures from the era.
- On Jan. 9, 1984, Angelo Buono, one of the Hillside Stranglers, is sentenced to life for the rape, torture and murder of 10 women.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

- Those who study such things claim that to get a truly random mix in a deck of playing cards, the deck must be shuffled seven times.
- Herpetologists -- and a number of Floridians, I'll bet - know that young alligators moo like calves.
- You've probably heard of oak trees living to be 500 or more years old, but orange trees? It's true; it has been documented that one citrus tree has been producing oranges for nearly 500 years. Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, built his first computer in 1961, when he was just 11 years old.

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## Jurgen

Jurgen is a 15-month old Miniature Schnauzer and the faithful companion of Diane Jachimowicz, of Westmoreland Hills in Trucksville, whose side he rarely leaves. When he's not too busy training to become a therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International Inc., Jurgen enjoys chasing the other dogs around the back yard and strolling through Westmoreland Hills. He especially enjoys a good Back Mountain snow like the one we had on November 18. You can't see his feet in this photo because most of his fur is covered in snow balls that develop in his fur when the snow is wet and heavy.

### 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](mailto: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.

## Young organist's parents express gratitude for story

### Dear Editor:

We are very grateful for the excellent work that has been done by Charlotte Bartizek on two pieces relating to our family.

It was during Charlotte's work as a photographer for the article highlighting pancreatic cancer that she became aware of (our son) Mark's organ concert planned for Sunday, Dec. 2.

Charlotte's photography and writing (plus front page placement) did a wonderful job of getting the news out in such an effective way

that nearly 100 people attended Mark's concert in spite of bad weather and "iffy" roads.

We have had a number of acquaintances, friends and family who could not attend the concert ask us about it because they read Charlotte's article.

The offering, which Mark announced as a 25/75 percent split for the Dallas United Methodist Church and the Back Mountain Food Bank, totaled \$465.20.

The church leadership, however, refused anything for the church so the entire offering went to the Back Mountain Food Bank.

The concert was captured on video and one of Mark's teachers laminated the article that appeared in The Dallas Post for a keepsake for Mark.

Thank you to all who had any part in helping to make Mark's Christmas organ concert a success.

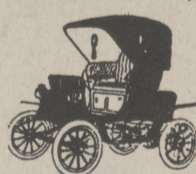
And a special thank you for Charlotte Bartizek's ability to capture the spirit of Mark and his amazing gift.

Susan and Jim Pall  
Dallas

### 20 YEARS AGO

A picture was presented to Mrs. Crump with the inscription, "In tribute to Florence T. Crump for her dedication to children and libraries on her 93rd birthday, December 3, 1987."

The presentation was made possible through the generosity of Jane McMichael, staff member



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at the library. Mrs. Crump has spent a great deal of her 93 years working with children and the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The picture will hang in the main entrance of the library.

The nursing staff at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently received the Caring Practices Award presented through Proctor and Gamble's Attends Professional Education Program. This award was given in recognition of the staff's commitment to quality resident care and leadership demonstrated at the Center.

It happens every school day. Children throughout the area come home to an empty house while both parents are working. The "latch key" child of the 80's has been a much talked about concern of both parents and teachers. At a recent meeting of the Dan Flood Elementary PTA, Donna Joseph, Assistant Education Coordinator for the Child Development Council, presented "Phone Pals," a program which engages volunteers, who are carefully screened and trained, to provide a reassuring phone conversation with the child as they return from school each day.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Paul Hughes, Yeager Street, Dallas, escaped uninjured when his foreign car left the roadway of Route 309 Saturday night and

went off the bridge over Toby's Creek in Shavertown. Shavertown firemen removed the car from the creek on Sunday.

Supervisors Ed Price and Ambrose Gavigan were sworn in by township solicitor Ben Jones III at a recent reorganization meeting at Kingston Township. Mike Stanley was renamed township manager. Herbert Hill was named chairman and Dan Wisniewski was named vice chairman of the supervisors.

Donald F. Wiltshire, district traffic engineer, PennDOT, had notified Michael J. Stanley, secretary of Kingston Township supervisors, that the township's request for a left turn light at the intersection of Route 309 and Center Street, Shavertown, has been denied. The township had requested an advanced green arrow at the intersection.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Noel B. Caverly, president of the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, announced two promotions on the staff of the bank's Shavertown Office. Mrs. Dorothy K. Heslop, RD 3, Dallas, was named assistant cashier and manager of the Shavertown Office. Mrs. Janet I. Beech, Ferguson Ave., Shavertown, was named assistant cashier and assistant manager of the Shavertown Office.

Saturday is the last day that you can mail a letter with a five-cent stamp on it. Sheets of new six-cent stamps are available at all post offices.

The Annual Saint John's Day Banquet of George M. Dallas Lodge 531, F&AM will be held on Friday evening at Trucksville Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This year the lodge will pay tribute and present Brother Richard M. Stroud, retiring master, with the past master's jewel.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Orchard Dairy Restaurant was robbed early Monday morning,

the thieves gaining entrance by reaching through a smashed glass and turning the latch of the door. The cigarette machine was rifled of its coins, but the thieves were apparently frightened away by the coming of the man who cleans and waxes the floors at 4 a.m. The cleaner, a Kingston man, noted the broken glass and prudently got Clyde Birth from the filling station at the intersection to enter with him. The thieves made their escape. State Police are assisting Dallas Borough Police Chief Russell Honeywell in investigating the robbery. Bob Rice operates the popular food bar.

Geraldine Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodman, West Dallas florists, has been selected to play in the Northeast District Band January 8, 9 and 10. Geraldine plays clarinet.

George Ruckno, Shrine Acres, was awarded first place for his manger scene in the Outdoor Lighting Contest and Harry Ritts, Church Street, a first for picture window display.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Protected by a heavy snow-suit, Roberta Williams, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams of Main Street, received only minor injuries to her arm when she was attacked late Monday afternoon in front of the Brickel residence by a small brown and white hunting dog. Accompanied by Jackie Berti, the children were on their way to Dallas 5c, 10c and \$1.00 store when they were followed by several dogs that had been playing in the street. The small dog leaped at Roberta, pushed her down and bit her arm until it was driven off by Edward Stair. Roberta's upper left arm was punctured by teeth marks.

Mrs. Guy Dunham was hostess to members of the Henry M. Laing Fire Auxiliary at their Christmas Party recently. Mrs. Edwin Nelson, Mrs. Joe Wallo

and Mrs. F.B. Schooley were appointed on the nominating committee.

As part of Commonwealth Telephone Company's two million dollar plant expansion program, two fireproof buildings will be erected, one at Clarks Summit the other at Dallas.

### 70 YEARS AGO

New officers of Mountain Grange, No. 567, of Carverton, were installed by E.B. Dorsett of Mansfield, past state master, at a largely attended meeting at the hall on Saturday night. Officers installed are: Master, P.H. Michael; overseer, Sheldon Gay; lecturer, Ralph D. Lewis; steward, Elmer De Witt; assistant steward, Charles Parrish; chaplain, Mrs. Cecil De Witt; treasurer, A.H. Gay; secretary, Mrs. John Bodle; and gatekeeper, Max Leonard.

More than 70 people were present at the meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, on Tuesday evening. The following were elected to a three year term on the church council: Sheldon E. Fahringer, Walter Gerlach, Harry Steinhauer and Fred Kromelbein.

An important meeting of Shavertown Fire Company will be held in the hose house on Monday night at 8. All members are urged to be present, as several resolutions for the taking over of the building and the securing of a mortgage loan of \$3,400 from Kingston National Bank will be adopted, according to a new act of the Legislature. As soon as it completed the building will be thrown open for public inspection and then affairs will be conducted for the purpose of raising funds.

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.