

LETTER FROM READER

Pantry volunteers grateful

Dear Editor:

As we begin another year, the Back Mountain Ministerium and the Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their very generous support of the food pantry during 2007.

Each year, an average of 448 persons from 100 households are registered with the pantry for assistance. The food pantry is open for 50 weeks each year and an average of 13 orders are issued each week. In addition, 145 orders were distributed for Thanksgiving 2007 to families in the Back Mountain. This was one of the busiest years in the 30-year history of the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

The residents of the Back Mountain donated the primary source of non-perishable food. A special word of thanks goes to those who supported the pantry through food drives held by the Boy Scouts, the postal workers, the schools and the churches of the Ministerium. A significant amount of food also came from individuals and other food drives conducted by businesses and service organizations.

The financial support from churches, service groups, schools, foundations and individuals enables the pantry volunteers to purchase both perishable and non-perishable foods during the year. This makes it possible to distribute orders with better nutritional value to our clients. Collaboration with the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) made it possible to obtain needed food items at a nominal charge. During 2007, more than 22 tons of food was distributed from the pantry.

The pantry could not exist without our wonderful group of volunteers. In 2007, it is estimated that nearly 2,000 hours of volunteer time were given to maintain the operation of the pantry. Most of the work was done by 43 people representing nine churches.

It appears there will be more people in need in 2008 and the pantry is ready to meet that need. We look forward to the continuous and generous support from the entire Back Mountain Community.

Louise Hazeltine

Back Mountain Food Pantry Coordinator



Man & Beast

"Baby" is a 3-year-old male Pomeranian who goes everywhere with his owners. When Baby is not vacationing in Italy, he resides in Shavertown with his owners, Robert and Gina.

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 18711 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.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Jan. 14, 1875, theologist, musician, philosopher and Nobel Prize-winning physician Albert Schweitzer is born in Upper-Alsace, Germany. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1952, Schweitzer used his \$33,000 award to start a leprosarium at Lambarene.

• On Jan. 18, 1882, A.A. Milne, creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, is born. When Milne's son Christopher Robin was about a year old, he received a stuffed bear as a present, which inspired Milne to begin writing a series of whimsical stories.

• On Jan. 15, 1919, fiery-hot molasses floods the streets of Boston when the bolts on a 58-foot-high tank filled with 2.5 million gallons of crude molasses suddenly explode. The molasses flowed into the street, knocked over the local firehouse and pushed over the support beams for the elevated train line. In all, 21 people were killed.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Do you get annoyed at your mate's bathroom habits? Well, you're not the only one. A survey was conducted in 2006 to determine exactly what it is we do to drive each other nuts there. The No. 1 complaint was leaving an empty roll of toilet paper on the spool instead of replacing it with a new roll. The second most common pet peeve was finding gooey globs of toothpaste in the sink.

• It was American columnist and author Bill Vaughan who made the following sage observation: "Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them."

• The country of Canada gets its name from a Native American word meaning "big village."

'PEZ' DISPENSERS ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY



On display at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of January is a collection of "Pez" candy dispensers. The collection belongs to Dillon Van Tuyl and includes Star War figure "Pez," holiday "Pez," Disney characters and many more. There are over 80 "Pez" items on display. "Pez" candy has been sold in the U.S. for 50 years. It originated in Vienna, Austria as a peppermint candy. The word "Pez" is from the German word pfefferminz for peppermint. The original sanitary dispensers for the candy gradually turned into toys when marketed in the United States. Dillon has been collecting "Pez" dispensers for two and a half years. His favorites are the Star War items. Dillon is a third-grade student at Dallas Elementary and lives in Trucksville with his parents, Eric and Louise Van Tuyl and his baby sister.

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Library staff has new ideas and events for new year

Resolutions and recommendations...Now that your New Year's resolutions are firmly in place, you might be ready for some recommendations from the staff here at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. We are all ready to jump right in the New Year with new ideas and events and of course...new books.

A new feature this year will be the addition of a "Staff Picks" shelf located in the front of the library. This shelf will hold some of our favorite books, both old and new, that we would like to recommend to our patrons, personally selected by staff members.

Our current recommendations are as follows:

Fiction: "The Blood of Flowers" by Anita Amirrezvani, "The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love" by Joan Medlicott, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hossei-

ni, "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom and "Drop Shot" by Harlan Coben.

Non-Fiction: "The Daring Book for Girls" by Miriam Peskowitz, "The Seven Pillars of Health" by Don Colbert, MD., "Truman" by David McCullough and "Teach With Your Heart: Lessons I Learned from the Freedom Writers" by Erin Gruwell.

Science Fiction: "Dragons-dawn" by Anne McCaffrey and "1634: The Baltic War" by David Weber and Eric Flint.

Be sure to browse this shelf the next time you visit!

Visit the Second Hand Gift Shop

We also recommend that you visit our Second Hand Gift Shop which is located near the foyer of the library and which contains ideas for last-minute gifts such as collectibles, floral arrange-

ments and odds and ends.

Slightly Read Bookshop is open

Our Slightly Read Bookshop is once again open downstairs with new inventory to provide an assortment of reading material to fill these long winter nights. They are offering a special "Winter Sale" from January 14 to February 14, during which all hardcover adult fiction and non-fiction books will be half price. Their regular hours of operation are from 1 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Planning ahead for the auction

For those of you early-birds already planning your summer vacation, keep in mind that the An-

nual Back Mountain Memorial Library New Goods and Antiques Auction will be held on July 10, 11, 12 and 13. Donations are currently being accepted.

Story Time openings

Parents are reminded that there are still a few openings for Toddler Circle times and Preschool Story times, which will begin the week of February 4 and end the week of March 17.

Toddler Circle times (1/2 hour in length) are offered at either 10 or 11 a.m. on Tuesdays. The Story times for 3 to 5-year-olds that still have vacancies are from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays. The Thursday class is already filled.

For more information on any of the above activities, please call the library at 675-1182.

20 YEARS AGO

Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, Democratic Congressman for the 11th Congressional District visited the newsroom of The Dallas Post Thursday. Kanjorski was in the area talking to constituents about the upcoming session of the House of Representatives, during which he will be a member of the house's Science,

Space and Technology Committee. The Congressman conducted an interview with Post editor, Debbie Higgins.

Mrs. Rudolph, Children's Librarian of the Back Mountain Memorial Library recently conducted an informative tour of the library for Cub Scout Den 5, Pack 241, Lehman United Methodist Church. In appreciation the boys are planning to donate a book to the library. Den members are: David San Fanandre, Mark Coslett, Jeffrey Brislin, R.J. Brooks, Barry Ide, Jeff Eyet, Jeff Ehret, David Rogers, Jason Kuhns and Zeke Ferguson.

Recently, Back Mountain Kiwanis President John Tasco handed his gavel and bell over to Lake-Lehman Key Club President Joanne Kelly.

30 YEARS AGO

At Daring's Market, Memorial Highway, Dallas, five cans of Campbell's soup sold for one dollar; a ten pound bag of potatoes was 69 cents; and chuck roast was 99 cents a pound. The coal strike which entered its 36th day on Tuesday has had no immediate effect on the two local utilities, UGI and Pennsylvania Power and Light, according to top officials of both companies.

Fred Hartwigsen of UGI said that his company was not direct-

ly affected by the coal strike since it is the bituminous miners who are on strike. UGI burns anthracite (hard) coal at the Hunlock Creek plant and the company anticipates no interruption. He said the company has plenty of coal stockpiled to get them through this winter.

George E. Stozenski of PP&L explained that although the company's bituminous-coal-burning plants have been operating normally so far during the strike, one of the plants is beginning to run short.

Bonnie K. James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles James, Oak Hill, will participate in the Pennsylvania all-state band sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. Bonnie has been a member of the Lake-Lehman Band playing clarinet for four years.

40 YEARS AGO

The much needed Sweet Valley Fire Truck has finally arrived. The truck, a heavy duty International chassis with a John Bean 750 gallon tank, and a high pressure pump, also has its own independent 35 amp power generator. In addition the new truck carries a foam system for fighting petroleum fires, and jacks for a power hookup for two portable flood lights.

Mrs. Marjorie McCarty will be installed as new Mother Advisor of Charles James Memorial Assembly No. 144 International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Mrs. McCarty has been active on the Advisory Board for a few years and has been serving as refreshment chairman.

Mrs. Dale Campbell, 17 Burndale Avenue, was soloist at a recital Sunday afternoon at College Misericordia. A music major in voice, Mrs. Campbell was one of four seniors presenting the recital in partial fulfillment of requirements for the B.M. Degree in music Education.

50 YEARS AGO

Gate of Heaven School is taking the first step toward a comprehensive youth program by giving instruction in basketball to boys in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Rev. Francis A. Kane, administrator, says that four local men are coaching. They are Jim Halpin, Tom Makravitz, Bill Hartman and Ed Wilson.

According to Dr. C. Hayden Phillips, regional medical director of a nine-county area, there are 25,000 shots of Salk anti-polio vaccine available for the third vaccination which is supposed to follow the first two injections to develop a foundation for immunity. First and second shots were given in the schools as part of a State-wide program to control or wipe out polio.

Four Dallas Marine Reservists returned this week's from six months active duty. Welcomed back to the First Automotive Field Maintenance Company were: PFC Hamilton Clemow, PFC Charles Lasher, PFC Richard Eyet and PFC Robert Anderson.

60 YEARS AGO

After hearing the report of Frederick J. Eck, chairman of the nominating committee, Dallas Borough Businessmen's Association at its meeting Monday night in First National Bank, elected Howard W. Risely, president; Lawrence Updyke, vice president; George Turn, secretary; and Lillian Kuehn, treasurer.

Wyoming Valley Ski Club is operating a 500-foot ski tow at Traver's Park on Route 309, three miles beyond Beaumont toward Tunkhannock.

One of the largest hogs ever raised in this section and possibly in this part of the state, was butchered by Shern Z. Bahr on his farm last week. The hog when dressed weighed 1,060 pounds and the head alone weighed 106 pounds. The hog

was between three and four years old.

70 YEARS AGO

Football was dropped from the athletic program at Dallas Borough High School at a reorganization meeting of the school athletic council on Monday night. The action ended a long struggle to keep the sport alive at the school. Lack of interest among students, lack of a convenient playing field an inability to finance the sport were given as reasons for the decision.

Dallas Chapter, No. 396, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a dinner dance on Friday night at Hotel Redington. There will be speakers, entertainment, dancing and cards. Mrs. Thelma Whitty is general chairman. The other committee members: Tickets, Mrs. Francis Smith, chairman; Mrs. Minnie Coolbaugh, Mrs. Anna Joseph, Mrs. Lillian Whippy; reservations, Mrs. Willard Durbin, Mrs. Walter Wolfe; publicity, Mrs. Elizabeth Keeler, Mrs. Mabel Johnson and Mrs. G.A.A. Kuehn.

The Shavertown firemen are in search for about 200 new members for their company and a membership drive between the "Smoke Eaters" and the "Fire Eaters" is under way, to continue until February 1. The company is in search of about 50 young men between the ages of 18 and 35, but there is no restriction on the age limit and the plan calls for the signing up of every resident of the community. There is plenty of opportunity to plan all sorts of entertainment at the fire house, which the firemen took over officially on Monday night. Card tables are available where cards can be enjoyed and various other games.

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