



Generation to Generation sponsors holiday program

The Generation to Generation Organization planned and organized a Holiday Musical Program for the residents of the Meadows Assisted Living Facility in Dallas. Generations socialized together after being entertained by the Trucksville United Methodist Youth Choir directed by Kay Ten Eyck. From left, are Joe Devizia, president; committee chairs Elaine Cooper, Janet Marko and Rosa Lee and Kay Ten Eyck, choir director.

MOMENTS IN TIME

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- On Jan. 26, 1788, the first 736 convicts banished from England to Australia land in Botany Bay. Over the next 60 years, approximately 50,000 criminals were transported. Among the first group was a 70-year-old woman who had stolen cheese to eat.
 - On Jan. 24, 1860, French inventor Etienne Lenoir is issued a patent for the first successful internal-combustion engine. Lenoir's engine was a converted steam engine that burned coal gas.
 - On Jan. 27, 1888, the National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. National Geographic magazine quickly became known for its stunning and pioneering photography, being the first to print natural-color photos of sky, sea and the North and South Poles.
 - On Jan. 25, 1926, the Central Casting Corporation opens. The company provided pools of extras for film production. By 1929, more than 17,000 extras were registered with the bureau.
 - On Jan. 21, 1959, Carl Dean Switzer, the actor who as a child played "Alfalfa" in the Our Gang comedy film series, dies at age 31 in a fight, allegedly about money. Alfalfa, the freckle-faced boy with a warbling singing voice and a cowlick protruding from the top of his head, was Switzer's best-known role.
 - On Jan. 23, 1968, the U.S. intelligence-gathering ship Pueblo is seized by North Korean naval vessels and charged with spying and violating North Korean territorial waters. Negotiations to free the 83-man crew of the U.S. ship dragged on for nearly a year.
 - On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decriminalizes abortion by handing down its decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. For most of the country's first 100 years, abortion was not a criminal offense. Abortion only became a criminal offense in the period between 1860 and 1880 when the American Medical Association decided that abortion practitioners were unwanted competition.
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

The History Channel

By Samantha Weaver

- If you're reading this column, you obviously speak English. You might not know, though, that you also speak more than a hundred different languages -- a little bit of them, anyway. Because English has borrowed from numerous other languages, the average English-speaker's vocabulary includes words from at least 100 languages.
 - A sportsman in Ohio once held up an 8-inch fish he had just caught, showing it off to his buddies. Unfortunately for both him and the fish, it wriggled out of his hand and somehow fell into his mouth, causing him to choke to death on his not-quite-dead trophy.
 - A small town in New Jersey wanted to have the same status with the government as national parks, so the citizens renamed the town National Park. It didn't work -- the government evidently saw through the ruse and turned down their request.
 - The National Football League goes through a lot of footballs in one season. Those who study such things say it takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with the leather they need for all of them.
 - Many U.S. presidents have been golfers, but not all of them have been particularly good. Gerald Ford once hit someone with a ball by accident, presumably. Afterward he reportedly remarked, "I know I'm getting better because I'm hitting fewer spectators."
 - It's getting to be the time of year again when people everywhere procrastinate about filing their taxes. Tax season can certainly be a trying time, making people do strange things. For instance, an Internal Revenue Service office in Indianapolis once fielded a call from an irate woman who demanded to speak to the computer.
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- Thought for the Day: "A criminal is a person with predatory instincts without sufficient capital to form a corporation." -- Howard Scott
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Man & Beast

Scott Gallup, of Shavertown, stops for a moment to show off his new friend "Vega," named after the star. Vega is a fawn Doberman pincer.

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.

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We'll publish the pictures in the order in which we receive them.

Library offers many new books

Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to its collection.

JANUARY 2008 FICTION

"A Pale Horse" by Charles Todd, "Blood Dreams" by Kay Hooper, "The Good Thief's Guide to Amsterdam" by Chris Ewan, "Everlasting" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss

NON-FICTION

"The Complete Guide to Attics and Basements" by Philip Schmidt, "Good Dog. Stay" by Anna Quindlen, "Ana's Story" by Jenna Bush, "The Venetian Betrayal" by Steve Berry, "Soul to Soul" by Gary Zukav, "The Stuff of Thought" by Steven Pinker, "What's So Great about Christianity?" by Dinesh D'Souza

BIOGRAPHY

"Marco Polo: From Venice

to Xanadu" by Laurence Bergreen

SCIENCE FICTION

"Sandworms of Dune" by Brian Herbert

REFERENCE

"Physician's Desk Reference 2008," "Polk City Directory November 2007"

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"The Haunting of Josie" by Kay Hooper, "Hand of Evil" by Judith A. Jance

YOUNG ADULT

"Race: A History of Black and White" by Marc Aronson, "The True Meaning of Smekday" by Adam Rex, "One Good Punch" by Rich Wallace, "Gabriel's Triumph" by Alison Hart

BOOKS ON CD

"The Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944" by Rick Atkinson, "New England White" by Stephen L. Carter, "Legacy of Ashes" by Tim Weiner

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. George Whitely, the former Charlotte Newberry a long time summer resident of Dallas, died on January 9, 1988 in West Chester, PA. A resident of Wilkes-Barre who summered in Dallas, she was the founder of Newberry Estates.

"Bob Wallace. Hum. I remember someone by that name. Wasn't he from Shavertown?"

"Yes he was. As a matter of fact he graduated from Dallas Senior High in '72."

"Now I remember! Didn't he play basketball and make district champ in track three years running?"

"You got it! That's the guy! Bet you don't know what that native son is doing now?"

"No, can't say as I do. What ever happened to him anyhow?"

Well, just take a look at Bob Wallace now! That young athlete from Shavertown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, is the hottest thing to hit the male striptease circuit on the east coast! Bob performs in and manages "New York Strip Connection," a troop of dancers considered to be tops in the field. Appearing with Bob on Super Bowl Sunday for two shows at the Carriage Stop Inn, will be two ex-Chippendales, a top New York City male model and professional dancer who has performed on television.

The girl in the tub along the Cross Valley Expressway will be much warmer this winter in the heavy Penn State shirt donated to her by Dallas business man Mark Oley. Oley presented the shirt to "Butch" Weber of Luzerne Plumbing to whom the display belongs.

30 YEARS AGO

Martin Porter presided over the swearing-in of new officers of

the Shavertown Fire Company at the installation meeting held in the fire hall. Officers installed were: Edward Carey, president; Robert Considine, secretary; A.H. Williams, financial secretary; Richard Gdovin, fire chief; William Rinehimer, first assistant fire chief; Gary Beisel, second assistant fire chief and Walter Davis, William Youngblood and Atter Kaufman, trustees.

The smile on Betty Mae Wagner's face has been a familiar sight to customers at First Eastern Bank's Dallas Village Office since it opened seven years ago. Betty is still smiling and enjoying her retirement from banking at the same time.

At Franklin's Family Restaurant, Routes 309 and 415, Dallas, complete with meat sauce, parmesan cheese and grilled Grecian bread was \$1.79.

40 YEARS AGO

Rutherford L. Cooper, of High Point Acres, took first place in a Nation-wide photographic contest, a Salon Workshop staged by the American Photographic Society. He received his certificate last Thursday. During the last year, he has won two first places and an honorable mention. Competition is by mail.

Five students from Dallas High School have been chosen to represent Dallas School District in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Northeast District Band and Orchestra. Robert Morgan and Donald Voelker will play in district band and Vera Balshaw, Ruth Lewis and Thomas Shaver will play in district orchestra.

Ernest Ashbridge, Shavertown, has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president of Hanover National Bank, according to an announcement made by Russell E. Gardner, president. Mr. Ashbridge has served as assistant cashier since 1965 and has been with the bank since 1953.

50 YEARS AGO

A Dallas resident was named Man of the Year by Wilkes-Barre Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the distinguished service award was presented him by another new resident of Dallas at the annual dinner in Hotel Sterling. H.A. Carr, Jr., president of the Jaycees, and traffic manager for Commonwealth Telephone Company, received the award from the hands of Louis M. Brown, Overbrook Avenue, who is president of the largest pencil company in the world, Eberhard Faber.

Brownie Troop 105 observed its eighth birthday anniversary Monday at Shavertown Methodist Church. Three-year pins were awarded to Bonnie Bernard, Barbara Brown, Nancy Brown, Jo Alice Coleman, Pam Cully, Susie Davis, Susan Day, Ida Gillespie, Eleanor Jones, Barbara Hauck, Sharon Jones, Pam Lesser, Linda Nichol, Judy O'Hara, Sally Otto, Linda Wimmer and Reba Heidel.

At the Himmler Theatre, Dallas, Jack Lemmon and Kathryn Grant were featured in "Operation Mad Bull."

60 YEARS AGO

A benefit card party to help raise funds for the completion of Memorial Park will be held Saturday evening in Kingston Township High School. The party is sponsored by Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company; Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Company and Trucksville Service Mothers and Wives Club. The Park, which was started during the war, consists of three areas of ground extending 300 feet along Carverton Road, from the creek to the trestle, and is 600 feet in depth extending back to the line of the Heller Estate.

Daddow-Isaacs Post, American Legion within the last few weeks has purchased more than \$500 worth of new bar equipment and fixtures and has appointed Arthur Brown as bartender, the Home Association having obtained a liquor as well

as beer license.

Frank Jackson called from Harvey's Lake early Thursday morning to say that the official temperatures in that area were twelve below at 7 A.M. and eighteen at 5 A.M. Most accurate readings in Dallas appeared to be about eight below.

70 YEARS AGO

The movement to establish a Community Council, to enlist 8,000 residents of three local municipalities in a harmonious effort for civic development, took another decisive stride forward last night when more than a score of prominent business men and community leaders sat down together to lay plans. Although no definite program was formulated, the group studied a variety of suggested projects, ranging from a campaign to stimulate new residential construction to the possibility of consolidating Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township.

Dallas Borough High School basketball team, which won the Back Mountain championship last winter, stepped into an early lead in the local league this week, with two victories and no defeats on its record.

A bright sun, which sent temperatures climbing yesterday, broke the cold wave which had held this section in its grasp for two days and which sent the mercury to 18 below zero. Capitalizing upon the coldest weather in tow years, ice cutters put forces to work immediately on lakes and ponds and began to gather their harvest. Ice at Harvey's Lake is about 11 inches thick at Sunset and Sandy Beach, about 10 inches at Alderson and from two to three inches in the middle of the lake.

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