

LIBRARY NEWS

New ideas, new events and new books for the 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 Medicott, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom and "Drop Sho"t 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: "Dragonsdawn" 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 our 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 contains ideas for last-minute gifts such as collectibles, floral arrangements and odds and ends.

Bookshop has new inventory

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" through February 14, during which all hard-cover adult fiction and non-fiction books will be half price.

Regular hours of operation for the Slightly Read Bookshop are 1 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Still openings for story times

Parents are reminded that there are still a few openings for Toddler Circle times and Pre-school 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 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Tuesdays. The Story times for 3-5 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.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Feb. 1, 1884, the first portion of the Oxford English Dictionary is published. Today, at a whopping 20 volumes weighing more than 137 pounds, it would reportedly take one person 120 years to type all 59 million words in the OED.

- On Jan. 31, 1923, novelist Norman Mailer is born in Long Branch, N.J. In 1948 he wrote his first novel, "The Naked and the Dead," based on his own experiences in the Army during World War II. The book became a popular and critical success.

- On Jan. 29, 1936, the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects its first members in Cooperstown, N.Y.: Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson. It has elected 278 individuals in all, including 225 players, 17 managers, eight umpires and 28 executives and pioneers.

- On Feb. 3, 1948, the first Cadillac with tail fins was produced, signaling the dawn of the tail fin era. General Motors increased the size of the Cadillac's "tail feathers" every year throughout the 1950s. In 1959, the model's sales slumped dramatically, sounding the death knell for the tail fin.

- On Jan. 30, 1969, perhaps the most influential musical group of all time, the Beatles, make their last public performance, giving an impromptu concert on the roof of their London recording studio.

- On Feb. 2, 1980, details of ABSCAM, an FBI operation to uncover political corruption in the government, are released to the public.

- On Jan. 28, 1996, Jerry Seigel, creator of Superman, dies at age 81. Seigel created Superman with Joe Shuster when they were both teenagers in the 1930s. All the major newspaper syndicates rejected the character. In 1938, however, Seigel and Shuster finally landed a comic-book deal, and the Man of Steel became an instant hit.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- In the 19th century, American author and transcendentalist philosopher Henry David Thoreau made the following sage observation: "Thank God men cannot as yet fly and lay waste the sky as well as the earth!"

- Civil War historians say that during the War Between the States, 10 percent to 20 percent of the soldiers were under the legal enlistment age of 18. In the Union Army alone, there were 800 15-year-olds, 320 14-year-olds and 127 13-year-olds.

- You might be surprised -- as I was -- to learn that an early version of the automatic dishwasher was available in 1889.

- The formula for Coca-Cola is ultra-top-secret. Insiders say that within the company, it's referred to only as 7X.

Thought for the Day: "There is only one good substitute for the endearments of a sister; and that is the endearments of some other fellow's sister." -- Josh Billings



COURTESY PHOTO

MAN & BEAST

"Charlie Brown" is an 18-month-old Shih Tzu who lives with his family, Ed and Diane McCabe of Harveys Lake. He is also the official office mascot at their family-owned real estate office, Four Star McCabe Realty. Charlie has gone into the office every day from age eight weeks old and loves to be the greeter and entertain people with his many tricks. Everyone who knows him knows what a clown he can be and how he can bring out a smile in everyone. Not one day goes by that people do not laugh at something Charlie does. But probably his strongest trait is his devotion and love for people and his strong personality which has earned him the nickname, "The Lion King."

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.



ONLY YESTERDAY

20 YEARS AGO

Dallas-Shavertown Water Company Manager Joseph Salla told The Dallas

Post that the company shut down Shavertown Water Company's Hassold well on Ridge Street, Fernbrook, Monday after finding a high level of a chemical solvent in the water.

Grand opening ceremonies were held Sunday at the new Pizza Hut, Route 309, Dallas. District manager Bob Kruger and his wife were on hand to greet guests and to offer that special brand of "We're glad to know you" Pizza Hut hospitality. Pizza Hut's Back Mountain manager is Dorothy Belsky.

30 YEARS AGO

James Kozemchak, Sr., chairman of The Dallas Post Holiday Decorations Contest presented awards to the winners of the contest in the meeting room of the Dallas Township Municipal Building. Kurt Goeringer, Dallas, received the \$50 bond as grand prize winner. Karen Kerpovich, Carverton, received the \$25 bond as first prize in the lighted display category and Christopher Landmesser received the \$215 bond for first prize in the unlighted display category.

The New Goss Manor Homeowner's Association announces a new family recreation activity for the three areas (New Goss Manor, Grandview Acres and Orchard View Terrace). Starting when you receive this letter a snow and/or ice sculpture contest has begun! You may make any figure you wish of snow or ice from now until February 5th. The judges will tour the area between 1 and 3 p.m. and judge the entries. There will be two trophies awarded - one for the best ice sculpture and one for the best snow sculpture.

The Lake-Lehman preparations for marriage class an-

nounces the mock wedding of Bert Balliet to Jamie Sanfandre. Ceremonies took place at the Maple Grove United Methodist Church Monday. Under the instruction on Mrs. Jeris Jones the mock wedding was set up to give the students in the Prep For Marriage a chance to plan and take part in a wedding ceremony. Through the year the class discusses the real meaning of marriage by taking situations and discussing what they feel are solutions.

40 YEARS AGO

Presentation of Municipal Authority's tentative plans for a sewage system to serve the more densely populated areas of the Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township municipalities, brought out a variety of questions last Thursday night. Cost of the sewage system to the individual homeowner depends upon front-footage, with owners of corner lots up against it. The question was posed, "Do I have to join up with the sewage system if I have an adequate septic tank?" The answer to that was a flat and unequivocal "Yes." No matter what sanitary arrangements a resident has, he must pay the front-footage levy of \$3 per foot, plus a connection cost of \$100 and an annual sewer rental of from \$56 to \$109.50 depending on the amount of federal assistance.

Two Eagle Scouts were honored Sunday morning at Shavertown Methodist Church at a breakfast sponsored by the Men's Class. "Pinned" by their mothers were William F. Flock, Jr. and William C. Frederick, Scout Troop 231.

Another step in a major construction program to bring expanded telephone communications to eastern Pennsylvania is being taken with the current construction of a 319-foot microwave tower at Beaumont.

50 YEARS AGO

Hillside Farms Inc. took another championship at the Pennsylvania Farm Show after taking grand championship last year.

Hillside took 13 ribbons with its group of eight milking short-horns, six of them sired by last year's champion bull.

Football jackets which were to have been distributed by Dallas Area Booster Club to senior football players of the Dallas Area team at a football dance in mid-December, were belatedly given out at a Westmoreland and Dallas Township Assembly last week, the delay due to non-arrival of the jackets in time for the dance. Bracelets for senior cheerleaders, also originally intended as a feature of the dance, were also held up until the jackets arrived.

Proudly wearing the dark blue jackets with white lettering are: Bill Strausser, Jack Muncie, Willie Anderson, Don Zimmerman, David Zimmerman, Glenn Eyet, James Altemus and Joseph Kovaleski. Four girls received bracelets: Carol Hemenway, Beverly Gosart, May Kingsbury and Pat Whittaker.

Holy Name Society of Gate of Heaven Parish met Monday night for installation of officers. Installed by Rev. Francis A. Kane, moderator, were Ray McDonald, president; Leo Czajkowski, vice-president; Lee McCarthy, secretary; and Mike Magnifico, treasurer.

60 YEARS AGO

Twelve hundred more feet of rope and an additional motor have been installed at Beaumont Ski Tow, near Traver's Park on the Tunkhannock Highway. Hundreds of winter sports enthusiasts are taking advantage of fine snow conditions to prove that this section can become a winter sports center.

In spite of bad weather, about 125 persons attended the Trucksville Improvement Association's Card Party at Kingston Township High School Auditorium on Saturday night, enjoyed the fun and helped to swell the funds that will be used for the development of Memorial Park along Carverton Road. Door prizes were awarded to the following: Merton Coolbaugh, Sam Davis, William Hewitt, Peter

Gallagher, Mrs. Adolph Boline, Mrs. S.R. Henning, Mrs. Ray Finney, William Gregory, William Clewell and Mrs. Joseph Schooley.

Kings' Daughters of Church of Christ, Sweet Valley, held their annual banquet at Hotel Berwick last evening and installed Mrs. Willard Sutliff as the new president and Mrs. Earl Hartman as vice president. Other officers: Mrs. George Bronson, secretary; Mrs. Stanley Hontz, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Carl Rood, treasurer.

70 YEARS AGO

Russell Weaver spent most of the week convincing his friends that he hadn't disappeared. As a result of a report that the Trucksville printer was missing, friends bombarded his home with sympathetic telephone calls until Russ began to wonder himself whether he was there.

A carload of apples from nearby orchards, one of five cars purchased in Luzerne County by the government for relief purposes, was located at Dallas station of Lehigh Valley Railroad yesterday under government inspection. The car carried 600 bushels of U.S. No. 1 apples, measuring 2 1/2 inches and up, from the orchards of Isaac Coursen of Carverton and George Berlew and W.E. Schoonover of Orange. At an approximate figure of 60 cents a bushel, the money value of the shipment was estimated at \$360.

George M. Dallas Lodge, F. & A.M., is making plans for a dinner to be held at Dallas M.E. Church on Tuesday night, February 10, the first banquet of the local masons in about twelve years. The committee has members Kenneth Woolbert, Stephen Johnson, Russell Ide, Ernest Smith, Alfred Camp, Earl Crispell, Clifford Ide, Frederick Eck, Paul Shaver and Irvin Rood.

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