

Gridiron Club officers grateful for help of all its volunteers

Dear Editor:

As our year as officers of the Dallas Gridiron Club comes to an end, we would like to thank our supporters over the year. Whether you were a parent, fan, or sponsor - all your help was truly appreciated!

Also special thanks to all the coaches this year who gave 110% to make our team what it was.

Our club is mainly run by parents and is a separate entity from the Dallas High School. We are there to make the football season a memorable one for the players.

Over the past year, we ran many fundraisers so we could give many things the players needed or wanted.

We decorated the stadium at every home game, we donated money towards the school's new sports video camera, we supplied food to the players after scrimmages, before some away games, hosted the "Beat Lehman Bonfire" and also held a football banquet for all the players.

These are only a few of the projects we held to benefit our boys.

Again, thank you to everyone for your continued support.

We are looking forward to meeting the new parents and to another successful upcoming year!

Dallas Gridiron Club officers

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Feb. 10, 1920, "Kathleen Mavourneen," starring Theda Bara, provokes a riot when it opens in San Francisco. Rioters sacked the Sun Theater in protest of the film's portrayal of the Irish poor.

• On Feb. 4, 1941, the United Service Organization is founded to offer support for U.S. service members and their families. The USO sent many actors, musicians and other performers to entertain the troops. Comedian Bob Hope made annual trips to entertain overseas troops from World War II through Desert Storm in 1991.

• On Feb. 6, 1952, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters, was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.

• On Feb. 7, 1964, the Beatles arrive in New York from London on their first visit to the United States. Two days later, an estimated 40 percent of the U.S. population tuned in to watch the band's appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

• On Feb. 9, 1973, Max Yasgur, owner of the 600-acre farm where the Woodstock music festival took place in August 1969, dies in Florida at age 53. More than 400,000 people attended the three-day festival in upstate New York. Concert organizers had expected only 50,000 to show up.

• On Feb. 8, 1983, gunmen steal the champion Irish race horse Shergar from a stud farm owned by the Aga-Khan in County Kildare, Ireland. The 5-year-old thoroughbred stallion was worth \$13.5 million. The kidnapers demanded a ransom of more than \$2 million. Despite a highly publicized search by authorities, Shergar was never seen again and no ransom was paid.

• On Feb. 5, 1994, Byron de la Beckwith is convicted of the assassination of civil-rights leader Medgar Evers 31 years earlier in Jackson, Miss. Beckwith, widely recognized as the killer, was prosecuted for murder in 1964. However, two all-white juries deadlocked and refused to convict.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Good news for the not-so-neat among us: Making your bed could be bad for you. A study done in the United Kingdom at Kingston University showed that the linens of an unmade bed retain less moisture, therefore making them less attractive to dust mites.

• Those who measure such things claim that a champagne cork at Woodbury Vineyards in New York State once flew nearly 178 feet, making that the longest recorded flight of a champagne cork.

• It was American science-fiction author John Sladek who made the following sage observation: "The future, according to some scientists, will be exactly like the past, only far more expensive."

• If you've ever lived on a farm, or even had a backyard garden, you've probably seen the delicate, feathery greens that sprout from the top of a carrot. Believe it or not, there was a time several hundred years ago when it was the fashion for women to wear those greens in their hair.

• Have you ever suffered from logorrhea? Don't worry; it's not as unpleasant as it may sound. The word "logorrhea" is used to describe incessant and often incoherent speech. It comes from the Greek roots "logo," meaning "word," and "rrhea," meaning "flow." (You may recognize the suffix "-rrhea" from another word, too.)

Dental Association sponsors poster contest

In observance of National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) in February, the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA) is sponsoring its annual poster contest. All Pennsylvania third-grade students are eligible to participate in the contest.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$1,000 education bond and see his or her poster reproduced as bookmarks to be distributed to all of Pennsylvania's public libraries.

In addition to the student prize, the first-place finisher's school and teacher will each receive a \$250 prize. The first-place winner will be awarded his or her grand prize at a school function. The second-place finisher will receive

a \$500 bond while the third-place finisher will receive a \$250 bond.

In December, PDA distributed lesson plan kits to third-grade teachers in Pennsylvania public, private and charter schools. Each kit contains information on dental health topics, classroom activities, four activity sheets, instructions for the PDA-sponsored poster contest and a complimentary NCDHM poster for the classroom.

The poster contest deadline is Wednesday, March 5. PDA will announce the top three finishers at the beginning of April.

Visit www.padental.org for the complete list of poster and lesson plan contest rules or for more information on NCDHM.

MAN & BEAST



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Abby is a 6-year-old Border Collie who has been in the Ladish family since she was 10 weeks old. Abby loves her new neighborhood of Oak Hill in Dallas and especially loves to play, run and roll around in the snow - the deeper the better. Her favorite game is burying her squeaky balls and then digging them out with her nose.

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 email 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.

New books are on BMML shelves

Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd, Dallas, has added the following books to its collection:

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"Plum Lucky" by Janet Evanovich, "Shadow Music" by Julie Garwood, "The Venetian Betrayal" by Steve Berry, "Beverly Hills Dead" by Stuart Woods, "Blasphemy" by Douglas Preston, "The Senator's Wife" by Sue Miller

FICTION

"Plum Lucky" by Janet Evanovich, "Shadow Music" by Julie Garwood, "Beverly Hills Dead" by Stuart Woods, "Blasphemy" by Douglas Preston, "Just Beyond the Clouds" by Karen Kingsbury, "A Golden Age" by

Tahmima Anam, "Blood of the Wicked" by Leighton D. Gage, "Sammy's House" by Kristin Gore, "Blonde Faith" by Walter Mosley, "They Did It with Love" by Kate Morgenroth, "The Commoner" by John Burnham Schwartz, "The Senator's Wife" by Sue Miller, "Atonement" by Ian McEwan, "Seducer Me" by Carly Phillips, "Stars" by Nora Roberts

NON-FICTION

"Free Lunch" by David Cay Johnston, "The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War" by David Halberstam, "Build Your Own Custom Closet" by Gillett Cole, "The Complete Book of Aunts" by Rupert Christiansen, "A Family Christmas" selected and introduced by Caroline Kennedy, "The Best American Short

Stories 2007" by Stephen King, "Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, & A Revolution of Hope" by Brian D. McLaren, "The Rolling Stone Interviews" edited by Jann S. Wenner and Joe Levy, "Happy for No Reason" by Marci Shimoff

LARGE PRINT FICTION
"There's No Place Like Here" by Cecelia Ahern

BOOKS ON CD

"Plum Lucky" by Janet Evanovich, "Dead Heat" by Dick Francis, "T is for Trespass" by Sue Grafton, "Beverly Hills Dead" by Stuart Woods

YOUNG ADULT

"The Sweet Far Thing" by Libba Bray, "Brown v. the Board of Education" by Marty Gitlin, "The Assassination of John F. Kennedy" by Patricia M. Stock-

land, "Internet Piracy" by Lee Hunnewell, "Frida: Viva La Vida = Long Live Life" by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, "The Way" by Joseph Bruchac, "Girl Overboard" by Justina Chen Headley, "The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt & The Rise of Modern America" by Albert Marrin

SPECIAL DONATIONS
The following books are donated by The Kirkwood Family: "Freaky Phenomena: Over 1,500 Amazing & Bizarre Facts" by Joel Levy, "Lost Cities: From the Ancient World" by M. T. Guaitoli & S. Rambaldi, "Wonders of the World: Masterpieces of Architecture from 4000 BC to Present" edited by Alessandra Capodiferro

20 YEARS AGO

The Webelos Scouts from Pack 232, Dallas, recently conducted their den's Good Turn Project. The scouts collected new and used toys to support the U.S. Marines Toys For Tots Campaign. The toys were received at the Shavertown McDonald's where the scouts and their families enjoyed food, games and a hands-on



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tour of the facility. Participating scouts were: Michael Koch, Brian Ginocchetti, Sean Blinn, Charlie Malpass and Mark Wojciechowski.

Ricky Bonomo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bonomo of Sweet Valley, was recently selected as "Outstanding Athlete of the Year" by the Killer Bees Athletic Association, in a tie vote with Raghil Ismael, Meyers High School athlete. Ricky and his brother Rocky, are well known throughout the local area and the entire Northeast for their top performance in high school and college wrestling circles.

Mike Koprowski, guest speaker at this year's Dallas Cowboys Mini-Football Team Banquet, spoke to them about his experiences when he played with the Cowboys as a young boy. Mike, outstanding running back for this year's Dallas High School Mountaineers, brought his Cowboy jersey with him to show to the boys.

30 YEARS AGO

"There's no question in mind that PennDOT's overall road maintenance is sub-standard," said Rep. Frank O'Connell Tuesday afternoon in a telephone conversation. "Road conditions during the past week have been intolerable and PennDOT has come under heavy criticism. Many of the conditions, however, are not the fault of PennDOT maintenance. There should be some discussion as to where the responsibility lies." O'Connell said he has made a recommenda-

tion that PennDOT workers in various areas report to municipal offices and alert an official that there are specific problems relative to the state highway.

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol announced that his department is continuing its investigation of two incidents of theft and armed robbery occurring in the township last week. A 23-channel CB radio valued at \$89 was reported stolen from the vehicle belonging to Betty Grant, Meadowcrest Avenue, and an armed robbery by a knife-wielding intruder was reported at a Route 309 service station owned by John Gorda.

Cub Pack 132 of Dallas held its Pinewood Derby at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Eighteen cars were entered in the race. Best of Show went to T.J. Struckers of Den 1. First place was awarded to Keith Hikkard, a Weblo. Second place was awarded to Richard Connors of Den 1.

40 YEARS AGO

The Trucksville Methodist Church was a recipient of an oil painting depicting "The Little Church on the Hill in Springtime" by Mrs. Dolly Ley Wilkinson. Mrs. Wilkinson, a member of the Trucksville church, and a well-known area artist, first exhibited her painting in the annual spring art show sponsored by The Wyoming National Bank. She was awarded third place in the popular vote contest and the painting was later purchased by the bank.

An 845-pound roll of paper destined for the Dallas Post burst out of the Mercury Freight delivery truck, narrowly missing a woman pedestrian on the Exeter-West Wyoming back road.

Frank Slaff was elected president at the Annual Meeting of Back Mountain Memorial Library Association held Thursday night in the Library Annex. Mr. Slaff succeeds retiring president D.T. Scott, Jr.

50 YEARS AGO

Four girls from Dallas Area Schools will sing in the Northeast District Chorus February 13 and 14 at Sayre. They are Janice

Roberts, Westmoreland senior, Judy Rowlands, Westmoreland junior, and Sandra Baird and Brenda Hoke, Township seniors.

Interrogation yesterday by State and local police of seven Back Mountain teenagers has solved the mystery of the Dallas Hardware & Supply Company robbery on Sunday, January 5, as well as the brief disappearance of several automobiles in the area.

Acting on a tip that two Dallas Borough boys, both aged fourteen, were seen carrying a loaded .38 caliber pistol at Dallas Area basketball games and in Dixon's and Evans' restaurants, Chief of Police Russell Honeywell investigated and uncovered a nest of home talent gangsters with their own headquarters in a well-equipped cabin in Shavertown.

Harvey's Lake Rod and Gun Club, at its monthly meeting at Kerns Tavern Monday night, installed the following officers: Carleton Kocher, president; Fred Dodson, first vice president; W.J. Robbins, second vice president; Clem Rinken, third vice president; Margaret Robbins, recording secretary; Loretta Nelson, financial secretary; and Herman Kern, treasurer.

60 YEARS AGO

During the height of the storm Saturday evening, Ray Shiber opened his garage doors to drive in. There in the middle of the garage he saw a ringneck pheasant seeking shelter. Rather than disturb the bird, Ray parked his car outside and let the bird nest down for the night. Next morning he looked for it and found it comfortably situated under a pile of old carpet. He and Mrs. Shiber fed it bread crumbs but on Monday it left.

Nationally known celebrities including Mrs. Harry Truman, Mrs. James H. Duff and Tom Brenneman of the Breakfast in Hollywood Programs have forwarded packages to Lehman Parent-Teacher Association for its Parcel Post Sale to be held Friday night in the high school auditorium. Basil Steele, chairman of the Ways and Means committee

of the association, is enthusiastic over the response, parcels having arrived from all parts of the country. Many of these will be sold at auction before being opened.

At a combined meeting of Back Mountain Library Association and its Board of Directors last night in the library building, directors elected Miss Frances Dorrance, president; Howard Hendricks, vice president; Mr. Fred Howell, secretary; and Henry Peterson, treasurer.

70 YEARS AGO

Luzerne County's first bid for the Governorship since Henry M. Hoyt of Kingston took over the executive mansion in 1878 began this week when Superior Court Judge Arthur H. James of Plymouth announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination.

Dorothy M. Spencer, Helen Legosh and Alice Eipper, all graduates of Dallas Township High School, completed their probationary period at General Hospital last Saturday and were accepted for the full course in the nurses' school. Their enrollment makes six township girls in training at the hospital. Lillian Spencer, Beulah Brace and Marie Ryman are already in advanced classes.

The building occupied by Shavertown Post Office was sold yesterday by Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank to Frederick J. Eck of Shavertown. The price reported to be about \$8,000. The sale was another evidence of the new real estate activity in Shavertown. Mr. Eck's building is only a stone's throw away from the site upon which Daniel Shaver is building a new \$15,000 theatre which will be opened in April.

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