

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On May 22, 1859, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, is born. Doyle grew weary of writing Holmes, and in "The Final Problem" he killed off Holmes, only to resuscitate him later due to popular demand.

• On May 20, 1873, Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis are given a patent to create work pants reinforced with metal rivets, marking the birth of one of the world's most famous garments: blue jeans, originally called "waist overalls."

• On May 24, 1883, after 14 years and 27 deaths during construction, the Brooklyn Bridge opens. The granite foundations of the bridge were built underwater in pressurized chambers. More than a hundred workers suffered from cases of compression sickness, also called the "bends."

• On May 23, 1934, notorious criminals Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are shot to death by Texas and Louisiana state police while driving a stolen car near Sailes, La. The Barrow Gang was believed responsible for the deaths of 13 people, including nine police officers.

• On May 21, 1955, Chuck Berry records his hit song "Maybellene." The song rose to No. 5 on the pop charts, one of the first rock 'n' roll songs by a black musician to hit the charts. Berry scored a string of hits throughout the 1950s, including "Johnny B. Goode" in 1958.

• On May 19, 1969, 6-year-old Jodie Foster makes her show-business debut, on the TV show "Mayberry R.F.D." Foster grew up to become one of Hollywood's most respected actresses, winning Oscars for her roles in "The Accused" (1988) and "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991).

Back Mountain Memorial Library news

This season is certainly one of the busiest times of year with spring cleaning, cultivating gardens, mowing the grass (again!) and even squeezing in a few Little League games.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library would like to recommend that you take a break from these hectic activities and enjoy a night of fun and fine dining at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Auction Kick-off Dinner and Mini-Auction. The dinner will be held on Monday, June 2 at the AppleTree Terrace at the Newberry Estates. The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 7 p.m. (with open bar) and dinner being served at 7 p.m. Every appetite will be satisfied with choices including a grilling station, pasta station and dessert station. Following the dinner, a variety of antiques and new goods items will be auctioned off...a great chance to practice those bidding skills! The cost of the dinner is \$28.50 payable at the time reservations are made. Reservations are currently being accepted at the library.

We are also offering a new way to help with the annual auction this year... in particular, our popular plant booth! If you are rearranging your flower garden or landscaping with miscellaneous plant life and shrubbery in your yard and just can't bear to discard any unwanted plants, we promise to find them a good home. We are looking for donations of any type of healthy plants (either indoor or outdoor). These donations may also be household plants that seem to keep multiplying or, if you desire, you may purchase a new potted plant at a local nursery to donate. Please call the library for more information. Let's keep this auction favorite green and growing!

Our Slightly Read Bookshop is always accepting book donations for use in the used book tent at the auction. However, at this time, they are especially seeking slightly read paperback books to replenish our used paperback room. These books are very popular during the summer months for vacation travelers, relaxing beach reads and even just a quick trip to the park. They may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. As usual, in addition to these paperbacks, any used book is acceptable for donation with the exception of textbooks, Reader's Condensed Versions of books, magazines, encyclopedias or any book that has become yellowed or musty. If in doubt, please call the library for more details.

Mrs. Janet Bauman, children's librarian, is in need of tall baby food or jelly jars for the upcoming summer reading program. Donations of clean jars with or without lids will be accepted at the main desk of the library until 425 jars are collected. Children are invited to begin registering for the summer reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug" on Monday, June 16.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, May 26 to celebrate the Memorial Day holiday. We will be open during our regular business hours for the remainder of the week.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- There is a law on the books in Maine that prohibits having your shoes untied in public. I assume that one is not much enforced.
- Carpool lanes are becoming more widespread as big cities across the country try to cope with increasing traffic congestion, and people are coming up with more and more creative ways to take advantage of this fact. When one pregnant Arizona woman was pulled over for driving with no passengers in the carpool lane, she claimed that her unborn child qualified as a passenger.
- There is a museum for almost everything, it seems. In Mount Horeb, Wisc., for instance, there is an entire museum dedicated solely to mustard. At last count, it had more than 3,000 jars of the condiment.
- The company now known as Clorox was originally called the Electro-Alkaline Company.
- If you're one of those people who suffer from a fear of flying but don't give a second thought to your daily commute, you might want to consider these statistics: Your odds of dying in plane crash are 1 in 15 million; your odds of dying in an automobile accident are 1 in 237.
- The small Central American country of Costa Rica has more species of mammals and birds than are found in all of the contiguous United States and Canada combined.
- You might be surprised to learn that Listerine, a company that sells mouthwash, coined the phrase "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride" way back in 1924. Its marketers told consumers that the No. 1 cause for romantic rejection was bad breath.



Man & Beast

Sandy, left, and Buffy, both female Cocker Spaniel puppies, are sisters from the same litter and are inseparable. Both love to "go in the car" and especially love the camper. Their owners, Billy and Bobby Lee Matiskella, of Shavertown, give the girls special treats for being such good little travelers.

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.

70 YEARS AGO

Three young men were arrested by Chief Ira C. Stevenson of Harvey's Lake this week charged with stealing furnishings from the vacant cottage of Mrs. Harriet Aikman last February. One of the young men said he was married recently and needed the furnishings for his new home. Because the young men are from good families and have good records, Chief Stevenson released them under his supervision, pending the arrival of Mrs. Aikman. The trio returned all the furnishings taken.



ONLY YESTERDAY

Efforts were being made yesterday to settle amicably a dispute over timber rights in Jackson Township which resulted in the arrest of seven men and the preparation of warrants for twelve more this week. The case involves a question over right to timber on a 12-acre tract in the Chase section of Jackson Township owned by Ira Johnson, one of the prosecutors in the suit.

Charles Nuss was elected president of the Lehman Parent-Teachers Association. Other new officers were named as follows: Mrs. Jennie Buffington, vice president; Miss Lillian Burgess, secretary; P.H. Parks, treasurer.

60 YEARS AGO

Coon Certified Concrete has opened its Pikes Creek Quarry where fifteen men are employed under superintendent Frank Piatt.

Mrs. Bertha Jenkins was the oldest mother at the services of Huntsville Christian Church on Mother's Day. Mrs. Milton Culp

was mother having the most children and Mrs. Carleton Had-sall was the youngest mother. All received crimson azaleas.

Committee chairmen for the fourth annual Lehman Horse Show on July 3 were appointed Monday night at a meeting of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Company by Howard L. Hendricks, general chairman. Assisting Mr. Hendricks as vice chairman will be Edward Oncay. Walter Chamberlain is show secretary and Charles Nuss is treasurer. Committee heads are: H.A. Smith, advisory committee; Howard Rise-ly, parking and police; Joseph Ide, program, Morton Connolly, admittance; Walter Chamberlain and Harry Edwards, show grounds; and Arthur Ehret, stables.

50 YEARS AGO

The new quarter-midget track at Dallas Outdoor Theatre will open Saturday, May 24, when eight racers and twelve drivers from the Lehigh Valley Quarter-Midget Club in Allentown will put on an exhibition for theatre patrons.

First social event sponsored by the newly formed Back Mountain Police Association drew 300 people to a dance at Jackson Fire Hall Friday night. Herbert Updyke, secretary of the Association, reported that nearly \$550 was realized through the sale of 500 tickets before the affair and about 50 sold at the door. The money will be used for a charter and other expenses of the new organization.

Movies playing at the Himmeler Theatre, Dallas, included "Witness For The Prosecution" starring Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. At the Dallas Outdoor Theatre, Lloyd Nolan and Diane Varsie were featured in "Peyton Place."

40 YEARS AGO

By the opening of classes in the fall, Pennsylvania State's newest campus at Hayfield House, Lehman, will be in full operation, and local home-owners will be asked to house students. There is no present plan for a dormitory building. To date, classes have been held at 669 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Top students of Lake-Lehman graduating class, as announced by High School Principal Anthony Marchakitus, are Harry C. Gregory and Diane L. Ide. Mr. Gregory takes the Valedictorian's post, Miss Ide the Salutatorian.

James Gosart and Richard Feddock, students at Dallas Senior High School, achieved the second and third highest scores in a recent mathematics contest at Wilkes College. The contest was sponsored by the Luzerne County Council of Mathematics Teachers. Eight-five seniors from public and private schools in Luzerne County participated.

30 YEARS AGO

The newly formed Back Mountain Bee Gee's 4H Club, under the leadership of Mike Diskin, recently elected these officers: Alicia Loberg, president; Michael Yamrik, vice president; Diane Yamrick, secretary; John Niedgaco, treasurer; and Amy Loberg, news reporter.

Four mothers, who have passed their 80th birthdays, were presented gifts at the Mother-Daughter covered dish dinner held Friday evening by United Methodist Women in Orange UM Church. Among those honored were Mrs. Gertrude Perry, Mrs. Nellie Eaton, Mrs. Frieda Perry and Mrs. Myrtle Volpeus.

New officers were elected for

the Newcomers Club at a candle-light installation dinner held at the Castle Inn. Installed were: Mrs. William Griffin, president; Mrs. Tony D'Agrosa, vice president; Mrs. Edwin Nicely, treasurer; and Mrs. Jack Jones, secretary.

20 YEARS AGO

A Bicycle Olympics for Dallas Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts was held May 1 at Dallas Elementary School. A bicycle registration and safety program was presented by Officer Jim Drury of Dallas Boro Police. The following Brownies participated: Sherri Kuderka, Tracy Patton, Shannon Cabot, Chrissy Duris, Tracy Jones, Tara Slocum and Sarah Tupper. Junior Girl Scouts who participated were: Beth Ann Wagner, Carrie Fetterman, Kerri Brown, Sarah Wysocki, Jaime Slocum, Laura Seidel, Tara Tupper, Kristen Nackle, Jaime Elston, Ruthie Yayne and Heather Patton.

Dallas student Heidi Strazdus won "Best of Grade Level" at the Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Show at College Misericordia recently. Lake-Lehman, Dallas, Tunkhannock and Northwest Area students participated in the show.

Cub Pack 232 of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, recently held its Pinewood Derby race. Medals were awarded to the top three winners: Kevin McGovern, first place; Charles Malpass, second place; and Steven Lonin, third place.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 119 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE COME TO THE BACK MOUNTAIN?



"I think more restaurants back here because you drive down to Wilkes-Barre and it's so busy down there. Something besides fast food."

Alysa Scavone
Lehman



"A Kentucky Fried Chicken or a Taco Bell."

Rita Fox
Shavertown



"I would like to see a Wal-Mart type thing back here."

Jack Prothero
Dallas Township



"Some more sports facilities - outdoor parks, basketball courts and soccer fields."

Art Redmond
Shavertown



"A nicer park for kids. A playground, basketball courts and tennis courts."

Carl Shotwell
Trucksville



"Marty's Pizza and Pierogies."

Dave Leib
Nanticoke

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