

## Food pantry donations can reduce late fees at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is currently offering patrons a meaningful way to pay any past due fines while at the same time provide much-needed groceries for the Back Mountain Food Bank.

Our current food drive which began on August 4 and will continue until August 16 allows patrons who donate the following food items to have their fines reduced according to the chart below:

1 box of muffin mix or box of Jell-O -.50

1 can of fruit, veggies, soup, canned pasta, evaporated milk, or pork & beans - \$1.00

1 box of pancake mix/syrup or 1 box of cake mix - \$2.00

1 can of tuna fish, canned meat, Spam, peanut butter or 2 lb box of sugar - \$3.00

1 box of cereal - \$4.00

The local food bank experiences a shortage of foods during the summer months and is only requesting the above items at this time. Items may be taken to the library during regular business hours, along with your library card so that these credits may be directly applied to your fines.

### Reminders

Before families participating in

the summer reading programs leave for summer vacation and begin back to school preparations, there are just a few reminders:

Don't forget that as soon as your child reads his/her eight books on their Bug Game card, they are eligible to receive their reward of a Bug Catcher or Bug Bag Craft Kit. Stop by the Children's Room for more information.

The "Final Party and Program with Kathy Kelchner" will be held at Frances Slocum State Park, Pavilion #3 at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14. There is no cost for this party, so plan to attend for certificates, refreshments and bug fun! Prizes for the three contests will also be awarded at that time. Participants must pre-register by calling the library or stopping in at the Children's Room.

Participants of the Donuts and Discussion group are reminded that their last group meeting for this summer will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 12, to discuss "Heat" by Mike Lupica.

The Young Adult group will have its final meeting for the summer on August 11 to discuss "Dicey's Song" by Cynthia Voight.

We are also still accepting young adult Relax and Read reviews.



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Volunteer Brigid Pfeiffer reads to a group of 3-5 year olds during a recent Thursday reading session at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

## Young readers benefit from grant awarded to BMT library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Wing is one of 3,000 libraries nationwide to be awarded a grant of books from the National Endowment of the Humanities entitled the "We the People Bookshelf: Created Equal."

Each year NEH identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme. This collection of theme-related books is the "Bookshelf" and it contains a set of classic books for young readers from kindergarten through high school. In addition to introducing young readers to good literature, the Bookshelf promotes understanding of abstract or general ideas through the power of particular stories.

Titles selected for the "We the People Bookshelf" highlight important chapters in American history or express universal themes that are integral parts of American culture. The books are intended to represent the rich texture of the American heritage, a tradition that has incorporated ideas and texts from around the world.

For kindergarten to grade 3, the books include: "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen, "The Gettysburg Address" by Abraham Lincoln, "Pink and Say" by Patricia Polacco and "Pink and Say" by Patricia Polacco (translated by Alejandra Lopez Varela).

For grades 4 to 6: "Saturnalia" by Paul Fleischman, "Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence" by Russell Freedman, "Lincoln: A Photobiography" by Russell Freedman, "Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom" by Virginia Hamilton, "Lyddie" by Katherine Paterson and "Lyddie" by Katherine Paterson (translated by Rosa Benavides).

For grades 7 to 8: "Elijah of Buxton" by Christopher Paul Curtis, "Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott" by Russell Freedman, "Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters" ed. by Harold Holzer, "Breaking Through" by Francisco Jiménez, and "Senders Fronterizos: Breaking Through" Spanish Edition by Francisco Jiménez.

For grades 9 to 12: "Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution" by Natalie S. Bober, "That All People May Be One People, Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth" by Nez Perce Chief Joseph, "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes, "Flores Para Algernon" by Daniel Keyes (translated by Paz Barroso), "Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography" by William Lee Miller and "Amistad: A Novel" by David Pesci.

Also included with the books is "Abraham Lincoln: History in a Box." This collection contains resource materials on Abraham Lincoln developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, including a resource book, CD, interactive CD-ROM, and posters featuring primary source documents, photographs, artwork, maps, songs, and other teaching resources.

The library was awarded the books after completing a grant application outlining programs to promote the books. The Young Adult Book discussion group has read and discussed "Breaking Through," a story about immigration. The middle school book discussion group, Donuts and Discussion, has read and discussed "Lyddie," a story about child labor in the mills of Massachusetts. The five pre-school story hour sessions of children listened to "The Ugly Duckling" and talked about being friends. The books are on display in the new book section and the Children's Room and patrons are encouraged to borrow them.



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## MAN & BEAST

Melissa Bowman holds 1-year-old Mia, left, and 2-year-old Beckham, her Lhasa Apso bundle that she often takes walking around Dallas. The two are good watch dogs but not good guard dogs. They like their walks and are most insulted when people do not say hello to them.

### 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.

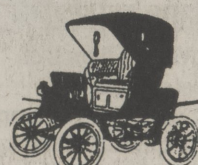
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If you send a picture and would like to have it returned, be sure to include a self-addressed/stamped envelope.

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

### 1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

A large 65-pound turtle gave fisherman Abram Nesbitt, 2nd, of Kingston a tussle last week during a fishing excursion at Lake Catalpa. Mr. Nesbitt divided his unusual quarry among local turtle-soap devotees.



### ONLY YESTERYDAY

A decisive step in the construction of the long-awaited Luzerne by-pass will be taken by the end of next week when advertisements for bids on the new highway will be posted, according to State Engineer W.J. Carroll in a report filed with the Luzerne Borough Civic Association.

The by-pass as planned will run from the Kingston-Luzerne line at the Union Street crossing of the D.L. & W. railroad to the four-lane Harvey's Lake Highway, south of present thoroughfares through Luzerne.

Movies playing at the Himmel Theatre in Dallas included "The Toy Wife," starring Louise Rancier; "Little Miss Roughneck," starring Edith Fallows; and "Blockade," starring Henry Fonda and Madeline Carroll.

### 1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

One of Goodleigh Farms' prize Guernsey cows, Goodleigh Romulus Farrenna, valued at \$1,000, was burned to death Sunday night in a stubborn fourteen-hour fire that partially destroyed a two-story hay and feed storage barn, an adjoining barn and caused \$12,000 damage. Cows that were pastured adjacent to the barn were quickly removed to places of safety, but rapid spread of the flames prevented firemen from rescuing the cow that was lost.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theatre, Shavertown, included "Buck Privates Come Home," starring Abbott and Costello; "Burning Cross," starring Hank Daniels and Virginia Patton and "Drums Along The Mohawk," starring Claudette Colbert, Henry Fonda and Edna May Oliver.

Miss Margaret Lukasavage, who was graduated from Misericordia in the Homemaking Course last June, has been engaged by Lake Township School Board to teach Vocational Home Economics.

### 1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

Four majorettes assisted Alfred M. Camp, band director, in teaching beginners to twirl their batons during the summer band program at Dallas Township School. The majorettes who helped at the program are: Doris Carey, Sherry Gauntlett, Elaine Kozemchak and Shirley Yalick.

At the Dallas Outdoor Theatre, Gregory Peck was featured in "The Bravados." At the Himmler Theatre, Dallas, Alan Ladd and Olivia DeHavilland were featured in "The Proud Rebel."

Robert E. Davis, Back Mountain area chairman for the Democratic Family Picnic to be held at San Souci Park next Saturday, has announced the following members to serve on the area committee: Melbourne Carey, Joseph Price, Iggy and Fay Kozemchak, Fred Holly, Elwood and Doris Cardon, Lester Shar Koski, Dr. William J. Kennedy, Martin McEnrue, Alice Summa, Fitz and Mary Bonfig, William Guyette, Eugene Considine, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zarnock, Thomas Finn, Helen Sgarlat, Enday Cragle, Joseph Levy and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Sickler.

### 1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

Although some action has

been taken by the State Highway Department to rectify the sagging wall adjoining the Center Street Bridge in Shavertown, after three weeks, only a footing has been placed for a length of eight feet.

The area adjoins the property of Wally Gosart and the local businessman must build the rest of the retaining wall for an area of 25 feet.

The whole trouble started around four years ago during construction of the new highway which runs from Luzerne to the Dallas Shopping Center intersection. The subsidence at that time weakened the wall along Toby's Creek and affected the side of the bridge along the Edward Hall property. Mr. Hall's car at the time was left hanging partly in space by the movement. Heavy equipment crossing the bridge is believed responsible.

A seventeen year old Dallas High School Senior is ready to compete in the Olympic Trials at Long Beach, California at the end of the month. John Pickett of Demunds Road, Dallas, after racing two years in a river kayak, started last year competing in Olympic type boat races.

### 1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

Pickett's Charge, the new restaurant being constructed on the former Ray Shiber property, is progressing rapidly with the weather in the contractor's favor.

A quantity of furniture was stolen from the Wyoming Valley Swim and Tennis Club on Harris Hill Road late last week, Kingston Township Police reported this week. Taken were 11 cushions, a bamboo settee, a wicker coffee table and two wicker end tables.

Erin Friar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Friar Jr., hosted a muscular dystrophy carnival last

week to aid in raising funds for research and cure. Among the children who attended are Keith Reh, Paul May, Adam May, Nicole Obes, Dawn Aeschbach, Sally Friar, Marlene Matosky, James Payvis, Jerry Schmid, Renee Schmid, Kim Matosky, Pamela Ash and Cheryl Schmid.

### 1988 - 20 YEARS AGO

Pennsylvanians will have to change their whole approach to garbage in the next three years when Governor Casey's mandatory recycling program becomes law. The new law passed in July requires communities with more than 10,000 residents to start curbside recycling programs within two years. Municipalities with between 5,000 and 10,000 residents have three years to start the program.

Joseph Kileen Jr., of Dallas, has been named Vice President and Commercial Lender at United Penn Bank's Main Office in Wilkes-Barre according to an announcement by Richard F. Laux, United Penn Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Glenn Y. Forney, President and Chief Administrative Officer.

Both young and old got together for an old-fashioned neighborhood block party off Orchard Street in Trucksville Sunday. People who had been neighbors for decades and people who are new to the area and wanted to get to know each other came to the party. There was food to keep everyone happy and games to keep everyone busy, but there was also something else not quite as easy to measure - a sense of community.

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.

### DO YOU THINK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD DELAY REASSESSMENT?



"No, we were lucky. We got a fair assessment. The properties needed to be re-assessed for 40 years."

Barbara Long Shavertown



"That's an easy one. A big yes! I'm on a fixed income and live in a small cottage. They tripled my taxes."

Dennis Maciejczak Dallas



"Yes and get qualified professionals to do the assessments. Some of the people sent out could not even measure a house."

Floyd Root Beaumont



"Yes, it's been a very unfair situation because there was no consistency to the assessments."

Laura Williams Dallas



"Yes. The commissioners are not doing a good job. People can't afford hearing oil and will be taking out loans to pay taxes. Maybe the commissioners should be fired."

Robert Shoback Duryea



"Yes. I don't think people, especially the elderly, will be able to come up with thousands of extra dollars."

Mary Ann Shoback Kunkle

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