

MOMENTS IN TIME

- The History Channel**
- On Aug. 25, 1875, Matthew Webb, a 27-year-old merchant navy captain, becomes the first known person to successfully swim the English Channel. Webb accomplished the grueling 21-mile crossing, which acually entailed 39 miles of swimming because of tidal currents, in 21 hours and 45 minutes.
  - On Aug. 27, 1904, Newport, R.I., imposes the first jail sentence for a speeding violation. Early traffic regulations varied drastically from state to state, some having no speed limits at all.
  - On Aug. 26, 1939, the first televised Major League Baseball game, between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers, is broadcast. There were only two stationary camera angles: The first was placed down the third base line to pick up infield throws to first, and the second was placed high above home plate to get a view of the field.
  - On Aug. 30, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur lands in Japan to oversee the formal surrender ceremony and drives himself to Yokohama. Tens of thousands of Japanese soldiers lined the roads, their bayonets fixed on him in one last act of defiance.
  - On Aug. 29, 1958, pop sensation Michael Jackson is born in Gary, Ind. Jackson began performing with his four brothers in the pop group the Jackson 5 when he was a child. The group scored its first No. 1 single in 1969 with "I Want You Back."
  - On Aug. 28, 1968, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters battle police in the streets. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley deployed 12,000 police officers, who severely beat and gassed the demonstrators, as well as journalists and doctors who had come to help.
  - On Aug. 31, 1985, Richard Ramirez, the notorious "Night Stalker" serial killer, is captured and nearly killed by a mob in East Los Angeles, Calif., after being recognized. At his trial after the judge imposed a death sentence, Ramirez said, "Big deal. Death always went with the territory. See you in Disneyland."

THE 'FORCE' IS AT BACK MOUNTAIN LIBRARY



The "Force" is at the Back Mountain Memorial Library as the August display at the library is a collection of Star Wars figures and toys. The collection is owned by 8-year-old Zachary Hill, of Franklin Township who became interested in collecting items after his cousin Brandon introduced him to these heroes. There are 79 pieces currently on display. Zachary received some of the items as gifts, but many of them are from the Burger King collection. His favorite piece is the "Darth Tater" because he's funny looking and because of his name. The son of Harold and Carol Hill, Zachary has two sisters, Kaitlyn and Isabella.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

**By Samantha Weaver**

- Do you remember those commercials that asked, "How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?" When I was a kid, I could never find out - I always bit the candy first. Well, some engineering students at Purdue University in Indiana decided to find out in a more scientific manner: They invented a licking machine. As it turns out, it takes an average of 364 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop.
- It was Sir Arthur C. Clarke, British inventor, futurist and science-fiction author of such novels as "2001: A Space Odyssey," who made the following observation: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."
- The first U.S. president to ride in an automobile was William McKinley, and the ride was in an ambulance after he was shot in 1901. Another interesting McKinley tidbit: He was the last Civil War veteran to be elected to the presidency.
- Think you're a movie lover? Consider the man who was desperate to be one of the first people to see the film "Star Wars: Episode III." He actually camped out in front of the box office for 139 days in order to get tickets. He didn't slack off work, though: He used his laptop computer and cell phone to stay in touch with the office.
- Those who study such things say that cats have 32 muscles in each ear.
- Have you ever known anyone who engages in grammatolatry? Probably not. "Grammatolatry" refers to the worship of words -- unlikely in this day and age of 24-hour must-see TV and on-demand video.

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Thought for the Day: "People like to imagine that because all our mechanical equipment moves so much faster, that we are thinking faster, too." -- Christopher Morley



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Man & Beast

Ruth Zimmerman Loder, a former resident of Harveys Lake now living in Carlisle, and her dog, 'Mandy,' are the best of pals. The two were at a recent reunion of Laketon and Noxen High School graduates.

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.

Slightly Read Bookshop at library to reopen Sept. 3

It's that time of year when schools are reopening and children are counting down the remaining days of summer. We are pleased to let you know that the Back Mountain Memorial Library is ready to help you prepare for another school year.

Our Slightly Read Bookshop will reopen with its regular scheduled hours on Wednesday, Sept. 3. It is celebrating its re-opening with a special half-price sale on all fiction books....great time to stock up on books for those required reading lists. Regular hours of operation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Another way that we are can assist your children with school and the upcoming landslide of homework is through our website,

www.backmountainlibrary.org.

By clicking on the icon for Live Homework Help (bottom left hand corner) your child can receive help from tutors at home via the Internet. Students will need to use an active Luzerne County Library System library card and enter the patron account number (above the barcode) on the appropriate screen.

Next, they will enter their grade level and the homework subject. They will be instantly connected to an expert tutor to help them with either math, science, English or Social Studies.

Spanish speaking tutors are also available. The tutors will not give your child the answers to homework, but will work alongside

them to find the solutions on their own.

This free service is available every day from 3 to 10 p.m. Anyone from kindergarten age to adult learners, including students of college introductory classes, may find this service beneficial.

The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, to celebrate Labor Day and will reopen with its regular hours at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

A final reminder for any children who have participated in our summer "Catch the Reading Bug" program: If you were not able to attend the final summer reading program party at Frances Slocum, you may stop by the Children's Room of the library to collect your bug jars and other related items.

1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

Winning prizes is getting to be a common-place matter with Mrs. G.S. Sawyer, one of Dallas' most prominent florists, whose Church Street gardens have produced so many prize-winning flower exhibits that she could probably finish all her furniture with the blue ribbons.

Mrs. Sawyer's most recent triumph came at a recent flower show of the Wyoming Valley Flower Club when she walked away with thirty-five prizes, far more than any other contestant in the field.

A well-attended weiner roast was held by the Young People's Society of Hunstville Christian Church in the church yard Friday evening. Among those who attended were: Alfred Davis, Carl Roberts, Elwood Ide, Royal Culp, Ruth Culp, Nancy Lloyd, Esther Culp, Jean Elston, Marion Elston, Phyllis Elston, Doris Roberts, Mildred Major, Carlton Hadsall, Emma Major, Lewis Culp, Wilson Garinger, Muriel Lewn, Janet Garinger and Hannah Culp.

1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

Judges of the Luzerne County

Green Pasture Contest announce that pasture of "Goodleigh Farm" Dallas, Dorrance Reynolds, owner and Miss Mary Weir, manager, is the county winner. The winner will be presented with a certificate of award and a 1/2 ton of superphosphate by the county committee of Luzerne County Agricultural Conservation Association.

The Court of Our Lady of Fatima of Saint Theresa's Church, Shavertown, held its first lawn social on Thursday evening. Mrs. Mary McGarry was chairman of the affair.

1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

Peggy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Williams, Wyoming Street, Dallas, was chosen Miss Irem Temple at the Shriner's annual picnic held at the Country Club last week. There were more than fifty entries.

There is a bustle of activity at Back Mountain Shopping Center where employees of Edward Eyerman Construction Company are putting finishing touches on the new Acme Market, first of nine units to be completed.

1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

Back Mountain police forces were on the alert this weekend for trouble overflowing into our vicinity, with the threatened vengeance-return of a New York motorcycle gang, "The Vulcans," to Luzerne area.

Forty-six windows were smashed out of the two Dallas Borough School buildings over the weekend. The vandals used rocks from the playground, many of which were found in the buildings.

1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

Girl Scouts from Junior and Cadette Troop 712 of Carverton Methodist Church recently visited Hershey Park. The troop camped at the Hershey High Meadows where they enjoyed beautiful tents and cabins and great swimming facilities. Participants include Mary Jo Derhammer, Brenda Young, Joan Hilstolsky, Marcus Grimm, Karen Wells, Susan Wells, Karen Wall, Cheryl Harding, Karen Kraynak, Julie Yakowski, Susan Toung, Patty Allen, Kim Roberts, Lisa Kundrat, Kim Ward, Judy Luke, Polly Lunkle, Donita Grimm, Margie Luke and Heidi Yakowski.

Saturday, August 19 marked the beginning of a new era on the sports scene in the Back Mountain. The Back Mountain Soccer Association opened its inaugural season at the Dallas Township School field.

1988 - 20 YEARS AGO

A former volunteer with the Trucksville Fire Department has been charged with arson in the re-

cent Back Mountain arson barn fire, but police say the investigation continues on the string of more than 20 arson fires which have plagued the areas since May 1987. John Tibus was arrested on charges of arson.

Tibus admitted to setting the August 14 fire that caused \$100,000 in damages to his neighbor Robert Steiner's barn on Mt. Olivet Road in Kingston Township, according to police.

The storm that hit the Back Mountain area last Wednesday wreaked havoc in some areas while it passed by other towns. From Beaumont to the far lines of Evans Falls, the winds uprooted huge trees, picking them up and tossing them around like matchsticks.

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, at their regular monthly meeting, honored the Dallas Senior High School Girls Softball Team for capturing the District II, P.I.A.A. Championship. Given special credit for contributing to the team's successful season were co-captains Joyce Tinner, Jill Urbanus, Tracey Hunter and Judy Harvey.

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS MOST ABOUT SUMMER?



"Having the kids home from school. We go to the park, get books from the library and they like reading them at night."

Brenda Batton  
Dallas



"Having no heating bills, the warm weather and the long days."

Eric Supey  
Dallas



"I'm a junior at Northwest. I'll miss my job working with kids at the learning center and walking with them and traveling around Dallas."

Caleb Van Horn  
Benton



"The perfect non-global warmed night air. It's going to get cold again this winter."

Dennis Sherman  
Dallas



"The nice weather, being with the kids, bike riding, swimming in our pool and the scooters."

Kristen Stallard  
Shavertown



"Doing some things with the kids, going to the park and vacations."

Brenda Chapple  
Shavertown

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