

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Sept. 16, 1620, the Mayflower sails from Plymouth, England, bound for Virginia with 102 passengers. However, stormy weather and navigational errors forced the Mayflower off course, and on Nov. 21 the "Pilgrims" reached Massachusetts.

• On Sept. 18, 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone to the United States Capitol building, the home of the legislative branch of American government. The building would take nearly a century to complete.

• Sept. 19, 1827, after a duel turns into an all-out brawl, Jim Bowie stabs a banker in Alexandria, La., with an early version of his famous Bowie knife. The actual inventor of the Bowie knife, however, was probably not Jim Bowie, but rather his equally belligerent brother, Rezin Bowie.

• On Sept. 21, 1866, H.G. Wells, pioneer of science fiction, is born in Bromley, England. In 1895, Wells published his classic novel "The Time Machine." The book was a success, as were his subsequent books "The Invisible Man" (1897) and "The War of the Worlds" (1898).

• On Sept. 17, 1884, Judge Allen disposes of the 13 criminal cases on his Oakland, Calif., docket in only six minutes. Although he apparently set a new record for speed, defendants in Oakland's criminal court did not stand much chance of gaining an acquittal. In a 40-year period at the turn of the century, only 1 defendant in 100 was acquitted.

• On Sept. 15, 1954, the famous picture of Marilyn Monroe, laughing as her skirt is blown up by the blast from a subway vent, is shot during filming of "The Seven Year Itch." The scene infuriated her husband, baseball star Joe DiMaggio, and the couple divorced shortly after.

• On Sept. 20, 1973, in a highly publicized "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match, top women's player Billie Jean King, 29, beats Bobby Riggs, 55, a former No. 1-ranked men's player. Riggs, a self-proclaimed male chauvinist, had boasted that women were inferior. King beat Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.



Volunteers who helped make the final party of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program a success are, from left, Kim Konicki, Lake-Lehman High School student who completed her senior project at the library this summer; Ann Crompton, former story hour volunteer; Katelyn Reinert, teen volunteer; Amanda Foote, teen volunteer; Mary Lou Cavanaugh, parent volunteer; and Anna Kourey, library staff member.

RECORD SET FOR LIBRARY READING PROGRAM

In case you didn't get a chance to attend the final party for the Back Mountain Memorial Library's summer reading program "Catch the Reading Bug," here is some information that will drive you buggy!

There were a record number of children who actually registered and took part in reading and recording of the books read over the summer. The final count was 427 children, tweens and teens. There was a total of 4,802 books and 162,410 minutes of reading time accomplished by all the participants.

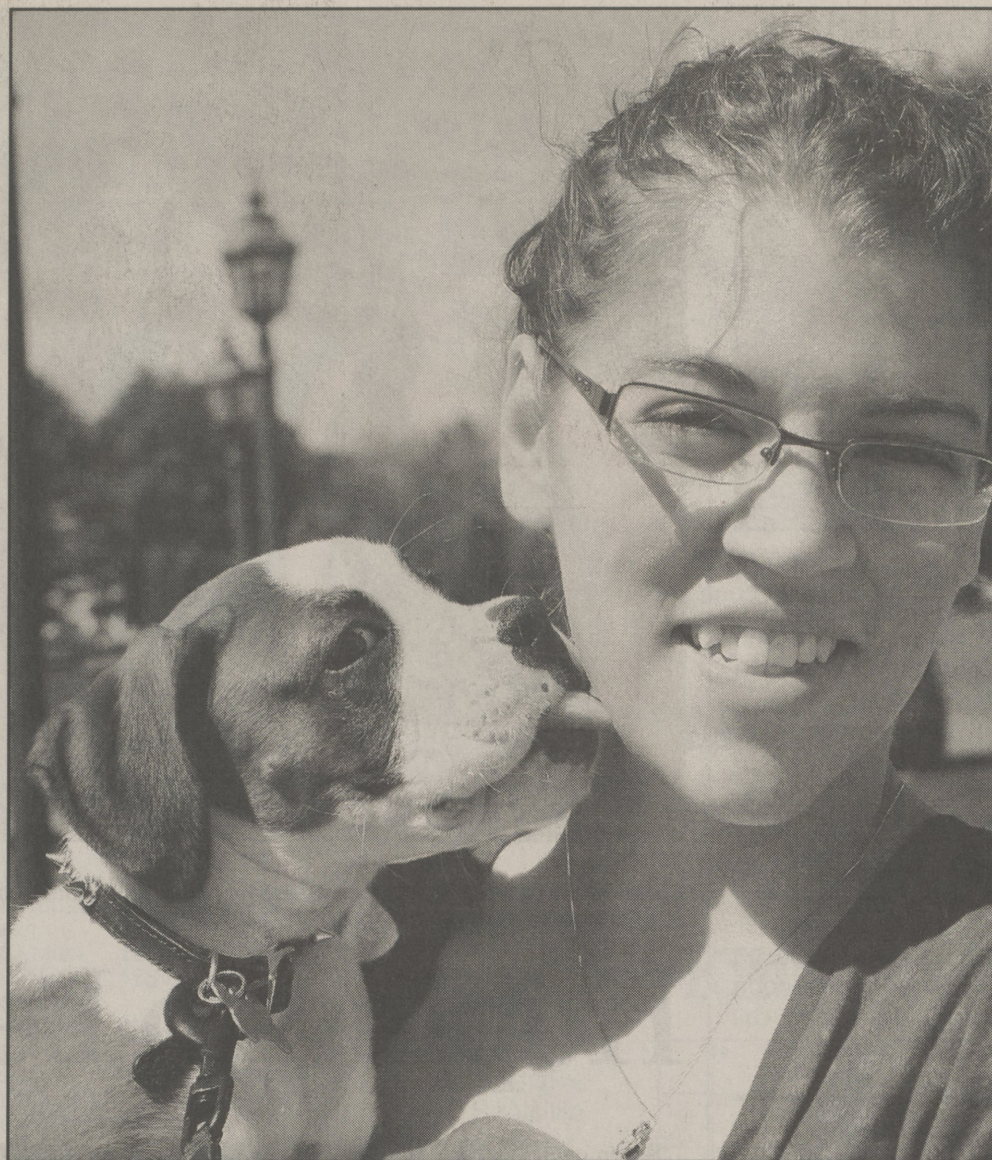
There were 112 gummy worms in the jar and the children who guessed correctly were Trey Schappert, Caroline Stallard, Leah Gorr and Jacob Taffera.

The Monarch butterfly hatched at 1:45 p.m. on July 8 and the winners were Alex Major, Riley Howard and RYANNE Howard. The Red Admiral butterfly hatched at 5 p.m. on July 8 and the winners were Sabrina Wilkins, Matthew Major, Nick Major and Katie Supey. Another Red Admiral hatched at 11:45 a.m. on July 9 and the only winner was Sabrina Wilkins. Both Gulf Fritillary butterflies hatched on July 10, one at 8 p.m. and the other at 8:15 p.m. The winners were Sam Price, Rachel Nelligan, Donnie Thompson, Victoria Barral, Sarah Rood and Alyssa Podskoch.

A special prize for parents was donated by the Wilkes-Barre Library District and will be mailed to the parents of Nick and Jake Miscavage. Runners-up parent prizes were awarded to the parents of Jonathan Scintilla, Lauren and Aidan Chapple and Megan Mahle.

Janet Bauman, children's librarian, wishes to thank all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who, day after day throughout the summer, took their children to the library for the program and who meticulously recorded the titles of the books and the minutes read on the reading logs. She also wishes to thank teen volunteer Katelyn Reinert for all her help throughout the summer in the Children's Room and especially for all her assistance with the programs for "Catch the Reading Bug."

Children are reminded that they have until September 26 to collect their bug jars and their reading logs.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Man & Beast

Bruno is a 10-week old boxer puppy belonging to Misericordia junior Heather Hoage, of Kingston. Bruno has learned to sit, lie down and fetch - and he's only been in school a few weeks. He also loves to eat and dig into anything he can get into.

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.

County fair a success despite Tropical Storm Hanna

Dear editor:

On behalf of the Luzerne County Fair and its volunteers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the 46th Annual Luzerne County Fair.

Even though Tropical Storm Hanna decided to visit us at the fair this year and forced us to close our gates early on Saturday, the safety and well-being of our fair-goers was more important. The 46th Annual Luzerne County Fair was a huge success!!!

The Luzerne County Fair is a viable source of income for all of our service clubs

who provide continuous community services throughout the year. It has been our goal to provide an affordable, yet memorable, event right here in Luzerne County.

Our amphitheatre was full and so many of our kind fair-goers approached us just to say "thank you" and tell us how much they enjoyed sitting and watching the entertainment. Our new Ag for Kids Tent was a huge success and so many children have a new flower to care for that they planted all by themselves.

Everywhere you looked there was a smile

ing face - whether it was down on the rides, watching the families sitting in the grass, at the amphitheatre or seeing the little ones eating that ear of corn. It is memories like these that remind us why we will start all over again today for next year.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in helping to create so many fond memories for so many people.

Brenda M. Pugh
Luzerne County Fair
Secretary/Publicity

1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

At least 25 owners of sites on Goss Manor, extensive local real estate development, intend to build homes shortly, according to L.A. McHenry, president of Dallas Construction Co., which already has four houses under construction.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The company plans to start construction on ten more homes this winter.

There are 629 lots on the Goss and Allen plots and 126 more on adjoining Glendale Manor, formerly Murray Farm. Of these, 440 have been sold.

The newly-appointed members of the Trucksville Fire Company Relief Association met this week and reorganized with Dewey Edwards elected president, Ray Finney, vice-president; Royal Lyne, secretary; and George Chambers, treasurer. Albert Groblewski, Jacob Beline and Gene Piatt are the other members of the board.

1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

Miss Bettie Sullivan of Goss Manor, Dallas, has been engaged to introduce the new Commercial Department of Lake Township High School. Miss Sullivan is a graduate of Misericordia College.

Martha Ann, Horace, Tom and

Jeff McKenzie of Lehman Avenue entertained their little neighbors at a "going back to school" party Tuesday afternoon. Present were Keith Yeisley, Aileen and Johnny Ferry, Murray Scureman, Lee Culver, Sandra Spout, Holly and Fred Stock, Roberta Williams, Connie and Sandy Hislop, Richard Bodycomb, Brook Evans, Sally Rydler and the McKenzies.

1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

An experiment with radar detection equipment to determine the speed at which automobiles move along Memorial Highway in Dallas Borough will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon by G.F. Fritzen, fleet safety engineer of the Pennsylvania Manufacturer's Association, in cooperation with local police.

Movies playing at the Dallas Outdoor Theatre included Walt Disney's "The Light In The Forest" and "Legend of the Lost" starring John Wayne, Sophia Loren and Rossano Brazzi. At the Sandy Beach Drive-In Theatre, Harvey's Lake, Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood were featured in "Kings Go Forth."

James Worth was elected president of the Lake-Noxen Band Association Tuesday night at the first meeting of the year. Earl Crispell is vice president, Mrs. John Zorzi, secretary; and Mrs. Carl Swanson, treasurer.

1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

Local A&P stores were featuring sirloin and porterhouse steaks for 99 cents a pound, turkey for 39 cents a pound, chuck roasts for 69 cents a pound and fresh hams for 59 cents a pound.

Tom Frantz of Kunkle beat out 45 other contestants in a Demolition Derby Sunday on the Herb Harvey Speedway in Lemon, Pa. Tom drove a 1949 Chevrolet.

1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

Candidates for Homecoming Queen for Dallas High School's Homecoming Day Sept. 23 at the Dallas-Wyoming game and the dance that evening are Lisa Kelley, Tina Charney, Denise Walsh, Suzanne Williams, Barbara Wallace, Brenda Long and Lisa McCartney.

At Franklin's Family Restaurant, located at Routes 309 and 415, Dallas, a veal parmigiani dinner complete with spaghetti, salad or cole slaw and hot grilled Grecian bread sold for \$2.89.

Several Back Mountain residents are active in the planning of the third annual Luzerne County Folk Festival. The festival, Northeastern Pennsylvania's only full-scale multi-ethnic event, will be held at the 109th F.A. Armory in Kingston. Dr. Walter Karpinich, of Dallas, is co-chairman of the event.

1988 - 20 YEARS AGO

A fire last week at Harvey's Lake destroyed Joe's Grotto Bar and restaurant, but owner Joe

Pagliante says he will attempt to rebuild and be back in business by Spring.

Harvey's Lake residents gathered to watch last Wednesday as approximately 75 fire fighters fought to contain the blaze. The fire was apparently caused by an electrical short from a coin operated vending machine, according to Harvey's Lake Fire Chief John Martinson.

Rodney Major, of Sweet Valley, is the first local resident to win the Grand National 500 Open race for 4-wheelers. Major who has been driving 4-wheelers for about one year won the Grand National Championship in the 500 Open Amateur Class in Tennessee. The race was sponsored by Yamaha, the make Major was driving.

"Chameleon Trail," a new play written and directed by Dallas resident Dr. Robert Stetten, Associate Professor of Psychology at Wilkes College, will be premiered this Saturday in the Darte Center For the Performing Arts on the corner of South and South River Streets. The performance, which was underwritten by a grant from Wilkes as a community-minded cultural activity, is open to the public free of charge.

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.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ATTACKS ON SEPT. 11, 2001?



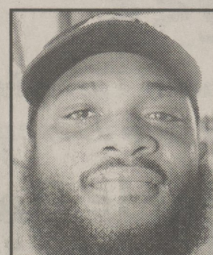
"At the Catherine McCauley House in Scranton. We heard a plane had gone off course."

Judy Silver
Harveys Lake



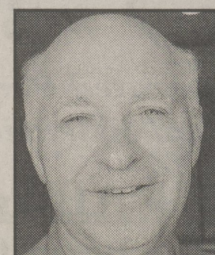
"Placing a family in a shelter; doing a shelter intake for them. I called my grandmother."

Tara Joyce
Lake Winola



"Living in Aurora, Colo., sleeping and I got a phone call. I did check on my father in Philadelphia that day."

Calvin Forrest
Lake Winola



"In the car on the telephone with a supplier. He told me the tower was hit."

Joe Stager
Franklin Township



"Watching TV at home. I worried about my niece's husband who worked in the second tower. He survived."

Debbie Gill
Shavertown



"Getting off the red-eye in Avoca. Our daughter, an American Airlines attendant, told stories of the attackers on trial trips they took."

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