

AMNESTY WEEK AT LIBRARY FORGIVES ALL FINES

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, which is really just around the corner, the Back Mountain Memorial Library is providing area residents (especially the ladies!) with a unique opportunity to sample seasonal gifts created by our very own local artisans.

"Gifts of the Season," an afternoon of holiday shopping featuring over 15 vendors, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. In addition to the artists, there will be demonstrations including decorating ideas, live entertainment, a Chinese raffle and delicious goodies. The cost of admission is \$6 at the front door, but you may stop by the library and pick up a coupon for \$1 off the admission fee. Be sure to save this very special date to experience a delightful pre-holiday afternoon.

Amnesty Week

The library's annual Amnesty Week will be held November 17 to November 22. All fines on any overdue book returned during this week will be waived.

Fresh Citrus Fruit Sale

Our Friends of the Library are currently accepting orders for their very successful annual Fresh Citrus Fruit Sale including Gourmet Cheesecakes. Stop by the library to pick up an order form. All pre-paid orders must be received by November 24.

Spanish/English Story Hour

Area pre-school, kindergarten and home-schooled children and their parents are invited to attend a special Spanish/English Story Hour to be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 20. Please call the children's librarian at 675-1182 to pre-register.

Library closed

A few reminders: The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It will re-open on Friday, Nov. 28.

Story Hour will end

Also, parents and grandparents are reminded that Story Hour participants will have their final Story Hour for this session during the first week of December.

Student thankful for new section of Back Mountain Trail

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association for the completion of the new 2.3 mile section of the Back Mountain Trail, which runs from the borough of Luzerne to Dallas.

I am a college student attending Wilkes University but I am also a resident of the Back Mountain and I know how much the trail means to some regular trav-

elers of it.

Also, the members of the Back Mountain Trail Council do an excellent job of keeping the trail clear of leaves, snow and debris which makes for a safe and enjoyable walk. I hope more people would take a walk on the trail and experience the scenic beauty for themselves.

Mary Balavage
Trucksville

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Nov. 21, 1783, Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier and Francois Laurent make the first untethered hot-air balloon flight, flying 5 1/2 miles over Paris in about 25 minutes. On Sept. 19, brothers Joseph and Etienne Montgolfiers had sent a sheep, a rooster and a duck aloft in one of their balloons in a prelude to the first manned flight.

• On Nov. 20, 1952, struggling singer Frank Sinatra agrees to a screen test for a role in "From Here to Eternity." Sinatra was paid only \$8,000, but the role and an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor helped resurrect his career.

• On Nov. 18, 1966, Sandy Koufax, the ace pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, retires from baseball. Koufax is perhaps most famous for his refusal in 1965 to pitch the first game of the World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur. Don Drysdale pitched instead and gave up seven runs in the first three innings.

• On Nov. 22, 1980, actress and writer Mae West dies at the age of 88. In 1926, West produced her own play, "Sex," about a gigolo. West was arrested and spent 10 days in jail for obscenity. Undaunted, she continued writing racy plays until she finally scored a Broadway success with her 1928 play, "Diamond Lil."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• If you're like most people, the length of your footprint is approximately 15 percent of your height.

• Hens don't actually sit on their eggs; they squat on them, keeping their weight on their feet.

• You're probably aware of the much-publicized fact that the Great Wall of China is one of the only human constructions that is visible from outer space. You might not know, however, that the extensive network of dikes that keeps the ocean out of the Netherlands is another such construction.

• In the United States, about \$8 billion is spent every year on dry cleaning.

• The electronics store Best Buy was originally called "Sound of Music."

• There are more than 1,000 different species of bats in the world.

• In 1841, eyewitnesses in Derby, England, reported seeing frogs and fish fall from the sky. Some of the animals were even alive.

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Thought for the Day: "What this country needs is more free speech worth listening to." - Hansell B. Duckett

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American Legion members act as Honor Guard

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 recently acted as an Honor Guard for a program honoring POW/MIA's at the Dallas Middle School. All veterans in attendance received a pin commemorating this event from Representative Karen Boback. From left, are Charlie Kishbaugh, John Emil Sr. and Jim Baloga.

1988 - 20 YEARS AGO

At local Acme Markets, turkeys were 29 cents a pound; pork roasts were \$1.89 a pound and whole, semi-boneless hams were \$1.40 a pound.

The Dallas United Methodist Church recently celebrated Christian Education Sunday. One highlight of the service was the presentation of Bibles to the 3rd and 4th grade children and several other children. Children that received Bibles are: Jeremy Bealla, Christopher Bath, Daniel Breymer, Leandra Barnes, Joel Withers, Scott Bealla, Sarah Podehl, John Krupa, Magen Gusher, Matt Link, Andrew Popielarz and Sara Young.

Winning may not be everything, but both Dallas and Lake-Lehman would have preferred it to tying Saturday in the 40th Old Shoe Game. The Dallas Mountaineers took the Division AA title Saturday by playing to the 21-21 tie with Lake-Lehman at the Knights field.

1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

Brian Muldoon, of Dallas, was awarded the Lew Reese Sportsmanship Award from Dallas American Legion Post 672. The award, which was presented at the Legion's annual banquet at the Post Home Saturday evening, is given each year in memory of Lew Reese, who for over 20 years coached and managed in Back Mountain Baseball including Little League, Teeners and American Legion Teams.

The winner of the award is voted by the players themselves and is based on sportsmanship,

hustle, dedication and desire.

Brownie Troop 696 Gate of Heaven Church recently held an investiture ceremony for first year Brownies. The following girls were received into Troop 696: Amy Allardyce, Courtney Butler, Debra Kindler, Mary Pat Millham, Laura Napieralski, Joyce Oravitz, Ann Marie Pall, Nichole Ricci, Dawn Rismondo, Lucia Sitar, Kim Taylor, Kim Thompson, Karen Vecchio and Natalie Ziolkowski.

Dallas juniors and seniors will present the mystery, "The Butler Did It" this weekend at the senior high school. Members of the junior class involved in the play are Leigh Ann Schoner, Jim Miholick, Lori Williamson, Meredith Billman, Dave Diefenderfer and Gwen Orloski.

1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

Largest Horse Arena In Country being Built Here -It's going to be big business, that Highland Acres Equestrian Center at the corner of Machell Avenue and Reservoir Road in Dallas Borough. The mammoth indoor horse arena, built by the Anthony Bogdons, is at present open to the November skies and floored with November mud, but the roof is on the way, and its section will be lifted on with a crane, given no more snowstorms.

The arena itself will be 200 feet by 80, and high enough so that jumps of any height may be safely made.

Back Mountain citizens have reason to be proud of seventeen year old John Pickett who has returned to his studies as a senior at Dallas High School after competing in the 19th Olympic Games in Mexico. John has been competing in Olympic-type kayak racing for two years and is a member of the Sebago Canoe Club, N.Y.

1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

Boys and girls of the Back Mountain YMCA held a hay ride and wiener roast at Mohawk Riding Academy recently. They were taken on a tour of the stables and permitted to ride the ponies. Enjoying the afternoon outing were Terri Jo and Vicki Ditlow, Donna and Paul Priebe, Scott Alexander, Barbara Honeywell, J. Mark Rogers, Lee Frantz, Wendell Jones Gail and Marl Kessler, David Schenk, Albert and Harold Williams, Carol Montross, Barbara and Jimmy Borwn and Billy McKenzie.

Local Acme Markets were featuring the following produce prices: two pounds of pears for 25 cents; four grapefruits for 35 cents; and four cucumbers for 25 cents.

Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society met Monday and elected officers for the year. Those elected were: Mrs. Martin McEnrue, president; Mrs. Ignatius Gallagher, first vice president; Mrs. Matthew Evans, second vice president; Mrs. Sterling Achuff, secretary; Mrs. A. Mascali, financial secretary; and Mrs. George Ruckno, treasurer.

1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

Perusing the two million dollar post-war expansion program of the Commonwealth, Luzerne and Bradford County Telephone Companies, Senator Andrew J. Sordoni today disclosed that plans and specifications are being prepared for the complete remodeling of the current building and an extensive addition. Construction will start in the spring and is expected to cost more than \$500,000.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theatre, Shavertown, included "Easter Parade" starring Fred Astaire, Peter Lawford and Judy Garland; "Riders of the Lone

Star" starring Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnette; "Waterfront At Midnight" starring William Gargan and Mary Beth Hughes; and "Lured" starring Lucille Ball and George Sanders.

The many friends of Mrs. Louise Sharp will be pleased to learn that she has opened her "Golden Stork" gift shop at 509 Main Road, Fernbrook, next door to Cooper's Dairy. For a number of years Mrs. Sharp has headed a household industry employing fourteen women between the ages of sixty-five and eighty who knit, crochet and do other handiwork in their own homes.

1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

Eight troops of Boy Scouts, with a membership of about 125, will attend the Dallas District Rally at Dallas Borough High School Friday night. It will be the largest rally ever held in the Dallas District.

John Hewitt, chief scout executive and Ted Hessler, Dallas field executive, will have charge of the affair.

The second annual turkey supper of the Ella Moore Memorial Class of the East Dallas M.E. Church will be held on November 17 at the church. Miss Elizabeth Love is general chairman.

Movies playing at Dallas' Himmler Theatre included "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse" starring Edward C. Robinson; "Her Lucky Star" starring Sonja Henie and "Boys Town" starring Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney.

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.

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY THE FINANCIAL CRISIS?



"No, not really. I have my Social Security and a pension and I sold my house."

Shirley Garber
Dallas



"Yes, the price of food is way up and I suppose everybody has been affected."

John Hoover
Dallas



"Everyone is affected. My 401K plan has gone down substantially."

Tim Scheeler
Dallas



"My retirement got hit. It's government 'C' funded, based on the S&P."

Jim Sidorek
Dallas



"Gas prices are high and prices in general are too high for a college student."

Justin Hall
Orange



"Yes, my husband's 401K retirement is affected and I have to put off my retirement."

Mary Lee Rishko
Sweet Valley