

'Gifts of the Season' to be held today at library

If you are searching for that unique holiday gift for a special someone, you may want to visit the Back Mountain Memorial Library this afternoon!

"Gifts of the Season," an afternoon of holiday shopping featuring over 15 artisans, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. today at the library. Shoppers will have the opportunity to choose among the following gift selections:

Vintage pillows, Beigo Bags, fabric painting, children's clothing, handmade glass beaded and sterling silver jewelry, pottery, embroidered throws, painted wooden items, soaps and bath salts, photography and note cards, soy and beeswax candles and Earth Muse jewelry.

For the lover of gourmet ingredients for those special recipes, you may also decide to visit the table of Burdick Creek Farms featuring garlic dust, bread dippers and hot sauces or perhaps purchase olive oil offered by Bartolai Winery.

In addition to the vendors, there will be demonstrations including decorating ideas, live vocal entertainment by Back Mountain resident Connie Scott; a Chinese Raffle, a chocolate fountain and an assortment of delicious desserts.

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. We hope you will bring your friends and stop by to experience a de-

lightful pre-holiday afternoon.

10-Cent Sale extended

Our Slightly Read Bookshop, located in the downstairs of the library, is extending its 10-cent sale of specially selected books and is also continuing its half price sale of all videos and audio books through the month of December.

Therapy dogs will visit

Our Children's Room will hold its Therapy Dog Reading Program from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. This event is open to children of all ages and offers them an opportunity to practice their reading skills to a captive canine audience. Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 675-1182.

Citrus fruit sale

A reminder that the much-anticipated delivery of our citrus fruit, sold by the Friends of the Library, will be available for pick up from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Thank you to all who have participated in this popular library fundraiser.

Holiday Open House

Another chance to enjoy a special event of the season, our Annual Holiday Open House, will occur on Wednesday, Dec. 17, and Thursday, Dec. 18. Be sure to visit and have some holiday cookies and punch.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Dec. 2, 1867, English writer Charles Dickens gives his first public reading in the United States, in a New York City theater. Dickens was a hit with the American public. The line for his first reading was more than a mile long.
- On Dec. 6, 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers place a 9-inch aluminum pyramid atop a 555-foot tower of white marble, completing construction of the Washington Monument. A city law passed in 1910 restricted the height of new buildings to ensure that the monument would remain the tallest structure in Washington, D.C.
- On Dec. 5, 1933, the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, bringing an end to the era of national prohibition of alcohol. Mississippi, the last dry state in the Union, ended Prohibition in 1966.
- On Dec. 4, 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt closes the books on the Work Projects Administration (WPA), one of the government's most ambitious public-works programs. Fueled by \$11 billion of government money, the program created jobs for 8.5 million people during the Depression.
- On Dec. 3, 1967, 53-year-old Lewis Washkansky receives the first human heart transplant in Cape Town, South Africa. Washkansky was given drugs to keep his body from rejecting the heart, but those drugs also left him susceptible to sickness, and 18 days later he died from double pneumonia.
- On Dec. 7, 1982, the first execution by lethal injection takes place at the state penitentiary in Huntsville, Texas. Charles Brooks Jr., convicted of murdering an auto mechanic, received an intravenous injection of sodium pentothal, the barbiturate that is known as a "truth serum" when administered in lesser doses.
- On Dec. 1, 1990, in the Channel Tunnel, or "Chunnel," 132 feet below the English Channel, workers drill through a wall of rock, connecting the two ends of an underwater tunnel linking Great Britain with the European mainland. The Channel Tunnel opened for passenger service on May 6, 1994.

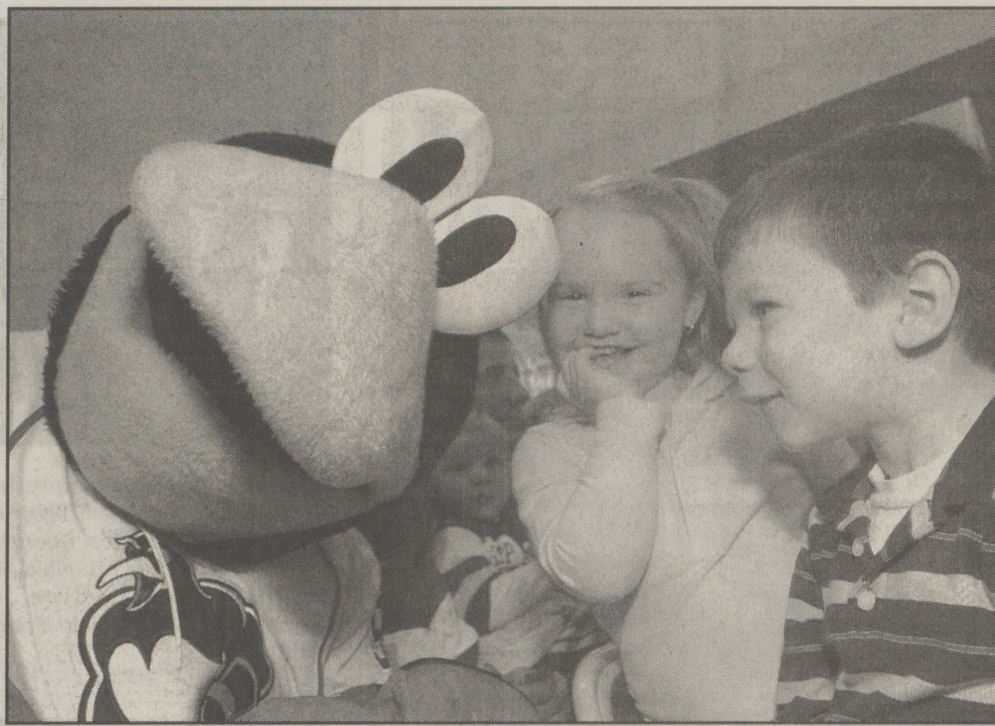
STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

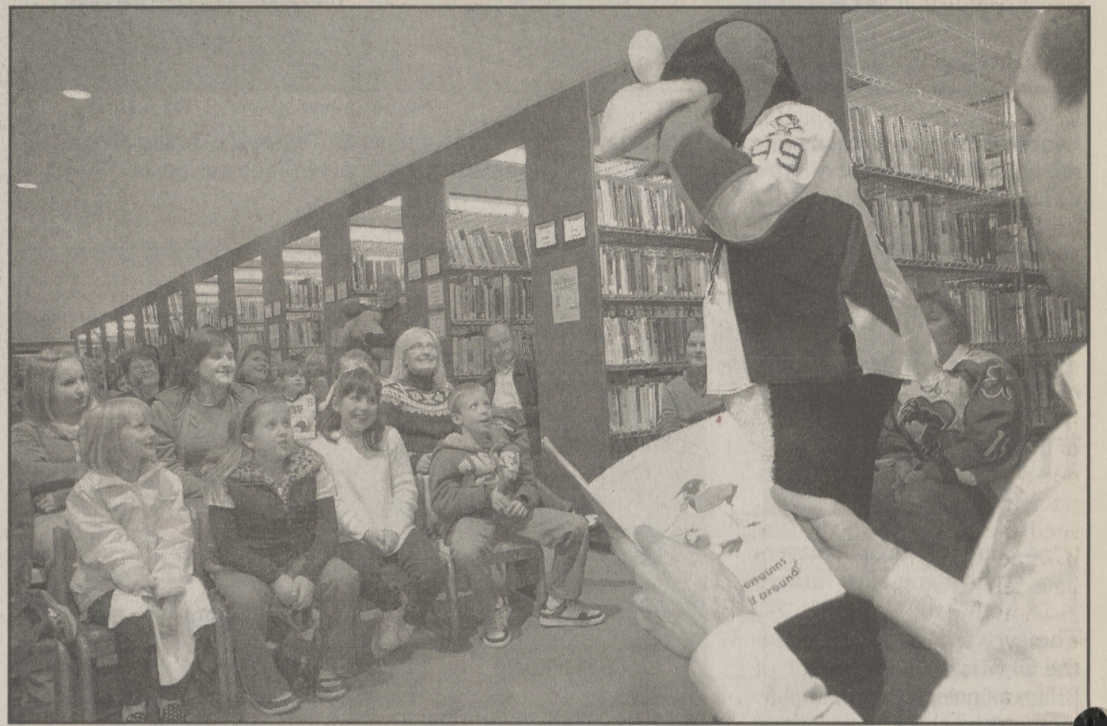
- According to a recent poll of pet owners, the most popular name in the United States for male dogs is Max; for female dogs, it's Maggie.
- The murre, a bird found in the Arctic, actually dives into the water and swims to catch the small fish that comprise its diet. Interestingly, its eggs aren't like those of any other bird in the world: The egg "whites" are blue, and the yolks are bright-red.
- Statistics show that only 1 in every 1,461 people is born on Feb. 29, the date that occurs only once every four years, in a leap year.
- You might be surprised to learn that the kilt originated not in Scotland, but in France.
- Did you know that Dalton, Ga., is the Carpet Capital of the World? I didn't think so. You no doubt were also unaware that Martinsville, Va., is the Sweat Shirt Capital of the World, and that Central City, Neb., is the Pump Irrigation Capital of the World.
- Those who study such things claim that leeches have 32 brains.
- The next time you get jury duty when you'd rather be doing other things, remember that the situation could be worse. One man in Liverpool, England, was discharged from a jury in 2003 because the other jurors in the case were complaining that his beard was infested with fleas.

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Thought for the Day: "Conscience is a dog that does not stop us from passing, but that we cannot prevent from barking." - Nicolas de Chamfort



"Tux," the mascot for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey team, read to children on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library in Dallas. Above, Joran Banks, left, and Teddy Richards, of Lehman, get up close and personal with "Tux." At right, Scott Stuccio, the voice of the Penguins, reads to a packed house at the Back Mountain Memorial Library but Tux captured the attention of the audience.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/FOR THE DALLAS POST

1988- 20 YEARS AGO

Jubilant Dallas Mountaineers were met by hundreds of fans on their arrival from Danville to the high school Saturday after winning the Eastern Conference Class II championship. The players lost no time in indicating that they were No. 1. Team members included Jerry Ogurkis, Barry Miller, Joe Piskorik, Shawn Ruth and Sam



ONLY YESTERDAY

Jayne.

John Gregg has been selected the Dallas Senior High School winner for the 1988-89 Century III Leader Scholarship. The scholarship was developed by the Association of Secondary School Principals, with funding from Shell Oil. John, as a school winner, will now compete at the state level for a \$1,500 scholarship and all-expense paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg, Dallas.

Paul J. Feeney, 20, of Shavertown, has been accepted to participate in the Up With People program. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Feeney and a graduate of West Side Area Vocational-Technical School where he was involved in football, wrestling and baseball.

Known for its widely acclaimed musical show, Up With People is the international, educational and cultural program which aims to build peace through understanding among people everywhere.

Following five weeks of Staging and Orientation in Tucson, Ariz. beginning in July 1989, Feeney will then travel for 10 months with a cast of over 100 from as many as 18 different countries.

1978 - 30 YEARS AGO

Santa Claus will arrive in the Back Mountain this Saturday at

10 a.m. He will fly in by helicopter and land on the tennis court area of College Misericordia, across from the entrance of College Manor. Santa will parade by fire truck to the American Legion on Memorial Highway where "Pictures with Santa" will be taken. Each child who attends will receive a gift from Santa, compliments of the Back Mountain Jay-Cettes.

James E. Regan, Dallas, has been named chairman for Wilkes-Barre and surrounding areas for the 1979 Heart Fund campaign. The appointment was made by Frank Pasquini, general campaign chairman.

St. Theresa's Altar and Rosary Society, Shavertown, will hold its annual Christmas Dinner at the Farmer's Inn. Mrs. Chester Molley, chairman, will be assisted by Ann Mackiewicz, co-chairman.

1968 - 40 YEARS AGO

The Student Council and Junior Class of Dallas Senior High School are sponsoring the first Homecoming Day in the school's history on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Festivities begin with a motorcade which will proceed to Dallas football field for the annual "Old Shoe" game between the Dallas Mountaineers and the Knights of Lake-Lehman at 10 a.m.

A special half-time event will be a program presented by the Dallas Band, highlighted with the crowning of a Homecoming Queen by Jeffrey Eyet, Senior Class President. A Homecoming Dance will follow that evening in the high school gymnasium. The seven girls nominated for Homecoming Queen are Susanne Kozich, Joan Nelson, Deborah Allen, Sally Harter, Catherine Munnell, Patricia Hughey, Anna Marie Acuri. Escorts for the contestants are Bob Bowen, Chris Meyer, John Szela, Dave Fitch, John Pickett, Louis Ruckno and Charles Baker.

Elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday at Shavertown Methodist Church, Thomas L.

Wallace, Jr. received his award at a breakfast arranged by the Men's Club.

1958 - 50 YEARS AGO

New management reopened the dress factory at Sweet Valley Tuesday morning, calling back as many of the original workers as possible, until production increases. Members of the Sweet Valley Improvement Association were invited to a party given by Jay Fashions, Monday night.

The plant has been closed since employees were called out on strike March 3 by ILGWU, and drew strike pay until sometime in August. At the time of the closing, the plant, under the management of Thomas Luchese, more commonly known as "Three Fingers Brown" had a payroll of approximately \$200,000 a year, and employed between 65 and 70 women in its medium priced sportswear operation.

Two black bears have been reported shot in this area, both on the opening day of bear season. Robert Pickett, East Dallas, got a 375 pound black bear in the mountains back of Forkston Fire Tower Monday morning. The other bear, a 300 pounder, was shot by Victor Nienius of Plymouth.

1948 - 60 YEARS AGO

Dairy feed prices along with milk production are on the decline in Pennsylvania. Inadequate rainfall and several nights of freezing temperatures during October caused pastures to be dry and grass short. Some dairymen in the Back Mountain area were hauling water for stock as water supplies remained low.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theatre, Shavertown, included "A Date With Judy" starring Wallace Beery and Elizabeth Taylor; "Hazard" starring Paulette Goddard and MacDonald Carey; "Sinister Journey" starring Hopalong Cassidy; and "Stork Bites Man" starring Jackie Cooper.

The deer season started early

for Chief Fred Swanson of Harvey's Lake. Sunday morning persons going to services at Lake-ton Lutheran Church observed a deer swimming in the middle of the lake. As they watched they saw it get up on the shore in the far distance, then re-enter the water and swim to a point near the Lawrence B. Jones property where it staggered up on shore and out on the highway.

Loren Keller and Joe McCaffey who were nearby, observed that it was exhausted - possible chased by dogs and seriously injured. They notified Chief Swanson who came immediately to investigate. He had hardly arrived when the beautiful doe died.

1938 - 70 YEARS AGO

Dallas Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will hold its annual dinner dance on December 9 at Irem Temple Country Club. Mrs. Agda Lewis, general chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Mildred Bronson, Mrs. Elizabeth Keller and Mrs. Jessie Moore.

A serious shortage of water in the hill section of Dallas - coming on the heels of frequent interruptions of service in the last few months - provoked consumers to join this week in a vigorous demand for official action to end - once and for all - the problem of an adequate supply of water for Dallas Borough.

As a result of widespread complaints, Dallas Borough Council called a special meeting for tonight in the borough building to hear protests and decide what action can be taken to assure satisfactory service for consumers.

Albert Groblewski was unanimously elected president of Kingston Township Parent Teacher Association at a meeting on Monday night. He succeeds Mrs. Meacham who resigned because of illness.

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 DONE ANYTHING TO LOWER YOUR HEATING BILL THIS YEAR?



"No, we have a fairly new house and it's well-insulated."

Jeff Gerlin
Shavertown



"We replaced our front door and some windows."

Jessica Milbrodt
Dallas



"We bought a lot more firewood this year."

Irene Sankey
Harveys Lake



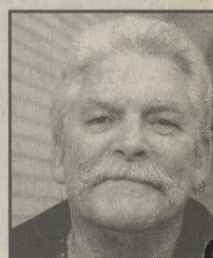
"Yes, we put plastic over the windows and caulking around the doors."

Kathy Martin
Sweet Valley



"I insulated the walls and caulked around the windows."

Stephen Konek
Lehman



"I'm insulating underneath the floor in the basement to keep it warmer."

David Jones
Sweet Valley

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