

## New books added to Back Mountain Memorial Library

The following new books have been added to the collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for January 2009:

### EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"Plum Spooky" by Janet Evanovich, "Eclipse" by Richard North Patterson, "Mounting Fears" by Stuart Woods, "A Darker Place" by Jack Higgins, "The Associate" by John Grisham and "Under the Radar" by Fern Michaels

### FICTION

"Plum Spooky" by Janet Evanovich, "Eclipse" by Richard North Patterson, "Mounting Fears" by Stuart Woods

"On the Grind" by Stephen J. Cannell, "Tis the Season!" by Lorna Landvik, "The Christmas Sweater" by Glenn Beck, "A Darker Place" by Jack Higgins, "The Associate" by John Grisham and "Under the Radar" by Fern Michaels

### NON-FICTION

"Things I Wish My Mother Had Told Me" by Lucia Van der Post, "The Three Big Questions for a Frantic Family" by Patrick Lencioni, "Top Chef: The cookbook" by Brett Martin, "Complete Guide to Cruising and

Cruise Ships" by Douglas Ward and "Make it in Minutes: Wedding Crafts" by Catherine Yarovich Risling

### MYSTERY

"Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin Roof" by Blaize Clement

### SCIENCE FICTION

"Agincourt" by Bernard Cornwell, "Bones of the Dragon" by Margaret Weis and "Regenesis" by C.J. Cherryh

### REFERENCE

"Statistical Abstract of the United States 2009"

### LARGE PRINT

### FICTION

"Songs for the Missing" by Stewart O'Nan, "Final Justice" by Fern Michaels and "Rhett Butler's People" by Donald McCaig

### YOUNG ADULT

"Bonechiller" by Graham McNamee, "Paralyzed" by Jeff Rud, "The Mayflower and the Pilgrims' New World" by Nathaniel Philbrick and "What I Saw and How I Lied" by Judy Blundell

### SPECIAL DONATIONS

"Dallas, Pennsylvania" by Sr. Anne Pulling donated by Sr. Anne Pulling and "Step into My Heart" by Tony Mussari, Ph.D. donated by Anthony J. Mussari, Ph.D.

## Books honor loved ones

The following memorial books have been added to the shelves at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of January 2009:

**In memory of Ruth Oschman,** "Four Feet, Two Sandals" by Karen Lynn Williams, presented by Maureen and John Doerfler

**In memory of Robert P. Norris,** "A Good Day's Fishing" by James Prosek, "Trout, Trout, Trout" by April Pulley Sayre and "The Little Fish That Got Away" by Bernadine Cook, presented by Carol M. Kosisky

**In memory of Arthur George Redmond,** "Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken" by Kate DiCamillo and "I Love My Daddy" by Sebastian Braun, presented by Paul and Abby Campbell

**In memory of Carol King,** "The Sand Lady" by Corinne M. Litzenberg, presented by Pat and Ed Krubitzer

**In memory of Olive Phillips,** "Every Landlord's Legal Guide" by Marcia Stewart, presented by Thomas S. McIlwain and "Gabel-

lini: Architecture of the Interior" by Michael Gabellini, presented by John and Beth Gager

**In memory of Gene Keller Wert,** "The Kennedy Family Album" by Linda Corley, "The Biology of Belief" by Bruce H. Lipton, Ph.D. and "The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life" presented by Christopher L. Ferner

**In memory of Gene K. Wert,** "Tapestry Handbook" by Carol K. Russell, "Nurturing Spirituality in Children" by Peggy Davidson Jenkins, presented by Kenneth and Gisela Swingle

**In memory of William Guyette,** "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House" by Jon Meacham, presented by The Dallas Kiwanis Club

**In memory of Joseph Rondinella,** "50 Aircraft That Changed the World" by Ron Dick and Dan Patterson, presented by Joan Dillon

**In memory of Adolph Sappe,** "Minding Your Business" by Horst M. Rechelbacher, presented by Bruce and Beth Rosenthal

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

• It is recorded in historical notes of the 19th century that the Reverend Francis Henry Egerton, Earl of Bridgewater, made a habit during the last years of his life of sitting down to a formal dinner every evening with a dozen guests. This might not seem odd until you learn that the guests were all canines, seated in armchairs and with napkins tied around their necks.

• It was French military leader Napoleon Bonaparte who made the following sage observation: "In politics, absurdity is not a handicap."

• After his death in 2005, the ashes of Hunter S. Thompson, pioneer of gonzo journalism and author of the infamous novel "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," were fired spacward from a giant cannon to the accompaniment of fireworks and the Bob Dylan song "Mr. Tambourine Man."

• It's been reported that the average lifespan of a tree in the metropolis of New York City is only seven years.

• Evidently, it's not just humans who associate a deeper voice with maturity (and desirability) in males. It seems that male owls try to appear more macho and attract females by lowering the tone of their hoots.

• Every year an organization known as the Diagram Group awards a prize to the person who submits the strangest title of an actual book that was published in that year. Here's a sampling of previous winners: "Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Nude Mice," "The Theory of Lengthwise Rolling," "High-Performance Stiffened Structures," "Living With Crazy Buttocks," "Greek Rural Postmen and Their Cancellation Numbers" and "Butterworths Corporate Manslaughter Service."

• Records show that in England in 1552, William Shakespeare's father had to pay a fine for littering.

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Thought for the Day: "Failure is not the only punishment for laziness; there is also the success of others." -- Jules Renard

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## THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, came across this majestic stand of pine trees in the family camping area at Frances Slocum State Park and used a super wide lens to capture the scene.

### SHARE YOUR PICTURES WITH OUR READERS

Do you have a photograph that is so awesome you'd like to share it with others? Have you been on vacation and came back with not only unforgettable memories, but great photos? Do you have a great shot of your kids, of your pet, of your house? If you have a photograph you think is worth sharing with other Dallas Post readers, send it to us and we'll publish it in our "This week in the Back Mountain" space. You can e-mail the photo, in JPEG format, to news@mydallaspost.com or mail it to us at The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

### 1989- 20 YEARS AGO

Recycling of waste materials is a much discussed subject in Pennsylvania, and particularly in this area, now that it will become mandatory. Governor Robert Casey recently signed a law that requires municipalities with a



population of 10,000 or more to provide curbside collection of recyclable materials by September

1990. Communities with populations of 5,000-10,000 must provide curbside collection by September 1991.

Two municipalities in the Back Mountain should be affected by the law: Dallas Township (7,200-7,500 population) and Kingston Township (10,000 population).

Dallas Township Supervisor Frank Wagner can appreciate the good and bad features of recycling. Wagner started a recycling program at the township and opened it to other communities in the Back Mountain. The program appeared to be working smoothly in the beginning and Wagner became increasingly involved, attending meetings and visiting other municipalities starting recycling in an effort to prepare for the new law. Then came the disappointment. Wagner could find no company to take paper dropped off at the township.

He had 40 tons of newspaper and magazines that the township could not get rid of locally, and since the township has no money in the budget to ship the materials out of town, Wagner had to call a halt to the program for the present time. But he still had the paper.

The only solution was to burn the paper. That is what he and township maintenance workers are doing when they have free time.

Walter H.R. Mohr of Dallas has been elected 55th Illustrious Potentate of Irem Temple. Mohr has been active in Irem's affairs for 40 years, being a member and past president of the Chanter's Unit and has served on various Shrine committees. Other officers elected include: Clifford L. Jones, Chief Rabbani; Donald S. Anthony, Assistant Rabbani; Fred J. Dietrich, Sr., High Priest and Prophet; Kenneth E. Burkel, Oriental Guide; James O. Brokenshire, P.P. Treasurer; and

Cromwell E. Thomas, Recorder.

### 1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Constable William Purcell of Harvey's Lake was elected president of the Luzerne County Constables Association at a recent meeting. Purcell has been an elected constable from Harvey's Lake for the past six years. Prior to being elected as president of the Constables Association, he was a trustee and past secretary and treasurer.

The three-year-old nursery school project of the child development classes at Dallas Senior High School will begin this month. The high school students are busy planning projects and activities for the children under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Goeringer.

For realistic experience in learning about and working with children, child development classes at Dallas Senior High School plan to direct a nursery school for three and four-year-old children.

Shavertown United Methodist Church Women's 1979 officers were installed at a recent church worship service by the Rev. Robert D. Yost, pastor. Newly installed officers are: president, Mrs. Gordon Earles; vice president, Mrs. John Stahl; secretary, Mrs. Frank Parkinson; and treasurer, Mrs. Andrew Kachmar.

### 1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Dallas Township recently took delivery on the first new police cruiser owner by the township. In the past, officers provided their own transportation and were in turn reimbursed by the township. The police force consists of Chief Frank Lange, Jim Davies, Jim Kelly and Charles Finn.

A single engine plane crashed when forced to land Sunday afternoon in a field near Route 118 in Sweet Valley after reportedly running out of fuel. The pilot, from New Jersey, escaped injury but his passenger received minor lacerations. The landing gear apparently broke upon landing. The field is the property of Hal Bronson, Sweet Valley.

The clanging of fire trucks, congested roads leading to Carverton, and fire alarms pealing near midnight Sunday, resulted when a woman called Trucksville Fire Company with information that Ralph Sands' barn was on fire.

Trucksville's engine and small

pumper arrived promptly but the big pumper broke down shortly out of the fire hall. Shavertown was summoned to assist. Dallas also stood by ready to roll as word got back that it was a false alarm. Police arriving on the scene learned that Sands had been receiving threatening calls and this, too, was likely the work of a prankster.

### 1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

A Hunlock Creek woman whose husband is among the 12 missing men trapped in the Knox Coal Mine by the raging waters of the Susquehanna River, is confident that he is living. Equally confident is a woman from Demunds, whose nephew was working side by side with his friend from Hunlock Creek.

Joseph Gizenski, Hunlock Creek, and Eugene Ostrowski were drilling rock on the day shift Thursday at noon. Both men had been transferred from the night shift a few days previously.

Thirty-seven men made their way painfully to safety when the surging flood poured into the mine tunnel through a gaping hole ground in the river bottom. Jagged ice freighted the flood, swirling through the mine corridors, crashing against the pillars, overtaking the fleeing men.

Five members were elected to Prince of Peace Church Vestry at the annual meeting Tuesday night at the parish home. They were: Charles Flack, Judd Holt, Samuel McKensie, John Jeter and Robert Weaver.

Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman were featured in "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" at the Himmler Theater, Dallas.

### 1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Eighteen new ornamental art glass windows, recently ordered by Dallas Methodist Church, are in the final stage of construction and will be ready for installation within the next two weeks. These windows, which are being presented by a former member of the Dallas church, will replace all of the windows in the main body of the church.

Fred Merrill, Harvey's Lake, was elected president of the Lake Township Parent-Teacher Association at the organization meeting attended by 150 parents and teachers in the high school auditorium last Thursday night. It was the initial meeting of the group.

Movies playing at the Shaver

Theater, Shavertown, included "Noose Hangs High" starring Abbott and Costello and Cathy Downs; "Tarzan's New York Adventure" starring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan; and "Sorry Wrong Number" starring Burt Lancaster and Barbara Stanwyck. The Himmler Theater, Dallas, was featuring William Powell and Irene Dunne in "Life With Father."

### 1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Thieves who boldly tossed a field stone through the plate glass window of Robert Robert's jewelry store on Main Street, Dallas, early Sunday morning stole a radio and several watches from the display widow but fled before they gained entrance to the store.

The loss, including a radio which was badly damaged by flying glass, is estimated by Mr. Roberts at \$100. It was covered by insurance. The stone crashed through the upper left hand third of the plate glass, leaving the lower section intact, and the articles missing could have been reached from outside.

Centermoreland's "What-Is-It?" may be a dog, after all! The identity of the mysterious animal reported roaming the lonely wooded section of Orange remains unknown, however, despite intensive efforts on the part of The Post to check the weird tale.

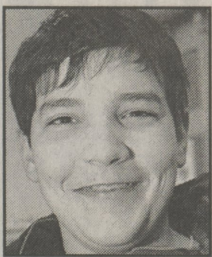
Skeptics think it is only a large dog, but the casual explanation has not satisfied a party of woodsmen who first came upon the animal Friday afternoon on the timbered land of Mrs. Myrtle Miller of Sutton Creek.

The beast, "Too large to be a dog," is described by William Niemeyer, Jr. as a rangy, shaggy, powerfully-muscled animal, about five feet long, with a head like a bear's, long, rounded ears, and large paws, "leaving prints bigger than a man's fist."

Movies playing at the Himmler Theater in Dallas included "Always In Trouble" starring Jane Withers; "Angels In Dirty Faces" starring James Cagney, Pat O'Brien and The Dead End Kids; "Speed To Burn" starring Michael Whalen; and "Straight, Place and Show" starring The Ritz Brothers.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post, which is 120 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

## "WHICH TEAM DO YOU WANT TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL?"



"I wanted the Eagles to win, but any Pennsylvania team to win will be good."

Peter Shaver  
Shavertown



"The Steelers because the Cardinals beat the Eagles."

Abby Berger  
Dallas



"The Steelers because that's all I know are Pennsylvania teams."

Joan Metcalf  
Dallas



"The Steelers because they are a Pennsylvania team."

Sandy Darling  
Dallas



"The Cardinals because I like to root for the home team."

Brent Berger  
Dallas



"The Cardinals because the Steelers have won so much."

Rich Wydra  
Wyoming