

Library offers Book Club

The month of February is almost behind us and that means that spring will soon be approaching (even if the weather outside doesn't agree!)

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is ready to help you, though, with any remaining symptoms of cabin fever.

If you're craving something brand new to read, be sure to browse the bookcases directly in front of the library check-out desk. There, you will find our most current titles of new books, including both fiction and non-fiction best-sellers.

We also offer memorial/honor books that have been purchased by patrons in memory of or in honor of a friend or family member. There is a special nameplate on the front page of the book, including the person being honored and also the donors' names. Purchase of these books not only helps the library, but is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a special person. (Contact the library for more information on this service.)

Our special Book Club shelf is also located in the front area of the library. These books are specially selected and provided only to Book Club members who have paid membership dues to belong to this Book Club. These choice

books also include current titles that the Book Club committee has requested. Membership dues of \$15 for an individual or \$20 for two people are paid annually.

All books in the above-listed categories have a circulation period of two weeks.

However, if you are a speed reader, or just "can't put that book down" type of person, you may be interested in books on our Express Loan shelf where selected books may be checked out for only one week with no renewals. This is an excellent way to secure those popular best-sellers earlier without waiting the two-week period for them to be returned to the library.

A patron is permitted to check out only two books from each of the above categories during any one visit to the library.

Parents of toddlers ages 1 to 3 will be happy to know that there are still five remaining openings for our popular Parent/Child Workshop which will be offered in the spring of 2009. A resource professional will be present to answer parenting questions while the children play and are introduced to a short story time. This workshop will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5.

THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



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Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive, Dallas, captured this serene scene at Frances Slocum State Park, using a wide angle lens. Pantelakos calls this "Winter Solitude."

SHARE YOUR PICTURES WITH OUR READERS

Do you have a photograph that is so awesome that 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.



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WEBKINZ ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

Be sure to stop by and visit the colorful collection of Webkinz toys displayed during the month of February at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The collection is owned by Emma Sweitzer, age 7, of Dallas. When asked which Webkinz is her favorite, Emma replied, "They're all my favorites." She has been collecting the Webkinz for about three years and received many of these stuffed animals as gifts. She enjoys playing with these toys and wants everyone to know that she "just loves them!" Emma is a student at Dallas Elementary School and is the daughter of Shannon and Andy Sweitzer.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• According to the Crayola Company, you can eat 3,500 of its crayons a day and still not reach the level of toxicity found in an ordinary glass of drinking water. The company didn't mention how or why - anyone would consume that many crayons in a lifetime, let alone a single day.

• Back in 1935, the owner of the Chicago Cubs baseball team predicted that night games were "just a fad." He wasn't much of a prognosticator, it seems.

• Some people claim that rubbing the nose of any statue of Abraham Lincoln is good luck. It's not really known why, though; some speculate that it's because Lincoln's children used to pull on his nose for luck. However, only one of his four children survived to adulthood, so it's questionable whether his nose was ever lucky for anyone.

• The ubiquitous summertime flip-flop sandals are known in Australia as "pluggers," are called "slops" in South Africa and "slippers" in Hawaii and New Zealanders call them "jandals."

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Recently the Dallas Cub Scout Pack held its Pinewood Derby Car Races at the Dallas United Methodist Church. The boys were required to fashion a race car from a rectangular piece of wood and paint and decorate it. Many prizes were awarded. Winners in the overall category included: Daniel



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Breymer, first place; Matthew Pelak, second place; Chris Mielei, third place; Danny Waserott, fourth place; Kenny Hoover, fifth place; and Aaron Stredny, sixth place.

Lisa Barrett from Brownie Troop 635 had the winning entry in the "Name The Camp" contest for the Penns Wood Girl Scout Council's camp to be held at Frances Slocum State Park. She submitted the name, "Mocanaquah," which was Frances Slocum's Indian name. She also designed a beautiful flag for the neighborhood's first annual day camp. Amy Samuels of Troop 329 was first runner-up. Both girls will receive a campership to camp Mocanaquah as a thank you from the scouts in the neighborhood.

Gerard, Big Daddy "G," Harris, Idetown, who has been hunting approximately 39 years recently bagged the second black bear of his career. The bear was killed in Chatman Township and was estimated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission to be about 365-370 pounds.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

The Ecumenical Interfaith Association presented the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission with a plan for a geriatric development to be located on Old Lake Road across from College Misericordia.

The development will cost between eight and 10 million dollars and financing has been approved by the FHA through a Community Facility Program.

Approximately 12 acres of land owned by Sisters of Mercy has been approved for the project. There will be two sections to the development, one 120-bed complete nursing facility and an apartment facility which will house between 100 and 120 senior citizens.

Dallas Intermediate School students will have the opportunity to express their interests and concerns on local television. Fifteen students selected by WDAU-TV will appear on Kids' Commentary later this year. Semifinalist are: Charles Arnone, Christine Chimock, Keith Hillard, Kim Jurosky, John Kutz, Christine Long, Todd Swan, John Troup, Dawn Rothrock, Douglas Turner, Ed Szela, Don Fleschut, Jopey Leib, Kerry Kratz, Karen Vloedman, Francis Baines, Kelly Vorhees, Sarah Rothschild, Jonell Mainwaring, Lee Ann Conway, Chris Saul, Cheryl Haring, Eric Supey, Linda Richie, Pat McDermott, Jill Radzinski, Jennifer Murphy, Liz Morgan, Leslie Billman, Jackie Holdridge, Leslie Myers, Terrell Smith, Stacey Williams, Debbie Balonis, Simon Russin, Danette Doknovitch, Tim Corcoran, Darcy Davis, Lisa Bealla, Jennie Jolley, Diane Yamrick and Julie Yakowski.

The February meeting of the Dallas Junior Woman's Club was held at Prince of Peace Church, with Mrs. Robert Eyet presiding. The evening's program began with a club-sponsored sewing contest and fashion show. Winners of the sewing contest were: Kathryn Artman, Joyce Oravitz, Bonnielynn Vail, Georgia Dombek and Nancy Fitch.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Three Back Mountain wrestlers wound up as District 2 champions at the completion of the tournament at Coughlin High School Saturday night. All three Lake-Lehman matmen will compete in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Tournament at the Scranton CYC in March. Ron Sorber at 133 lbs, will enter the tourney with a record of 17 wins, 1 loss for the entire season. Donnie Ray Spencer

at 138 lbs. and Tim Woodling at 154 also wound up with 17-1 records.

Friendship Class of Trucksville United Methodist Church met in the educational building on Tuesday evening. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Helen Gaylord; vice president, Miss Georgina Weidner; secretary, Mrs. Betty Shoemaker; and treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Baker.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

An eight year old Trucksville boy, in the grip of a nightmare, dived through the window of his second floor bedroom Saturday morning at 1:30 and fell twenty feet. Robert Long, Jr.'s mother clutched at his heel as he crashed through the glass, narrowly missing him.

He was taken to Nesbit Memorial Hospital where X-Rays show fracture of the third cervical vertebrae. He will wear a back brace to immobilize his neck for some weeks.

The third grade student had been watching TV Friday evening and had seen a clown in a mask. During the nightmare, he thought a clown in a mask was chasing him and leaped from his bed to escape. Mrs. Long heard Robert call out, "Mommie, Mommie help me, I've got to get out." She ran to his bedroom where Robert was wrestling with the sash. He plunged through the frame in a shower of broken glass just as she was reaching for him.

James LaBar, 90 Parrish Street, was painfully injured Tuesday morning at Royer Foundry and Machine Company plant, Kingston, when he laid his hand on the plate of a large bending press just as a fellow workman shifted it into gear.

The small finger and a section of the side of his left hand were crushed, making necessary their removal at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in an emergency operation.

Jerry Lewis and Marie McDonald were featured in "The Geisha Boy" at the Himmler Theater, Dallas.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Permanent organization of Back Mountain Playground and Park Association was established Tuesday night at a meeting of newly elected officers and committee chairmen. The meeting was held in the Henry M. Laing band-practice quarters, rear of Dr. F. Budd Schooley's residence on Lake Street. David S. Williams, president, was chairman and William Reardon, secretary.

It may be hard to believe but at the end of the year the cost of living in Pennsylvania had declined 2.1 per cent. At least, so says the Department of Labor and Industry after a survey of items in Pennsylvania cities.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "Miss Tatlock's Millions" starring Wanda Hendrix, John Lund and Barry Fitzgerald; "Johnny Belinda" starring Jane Wyman and Lew Ayres; and "Wallflower" starring Robert Hutton and Janis Paige. At the Himmler Theater, Dallas, Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon were featured in "Julia Misbehaves."

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

One hundred fifty rabbits from the new State preserves have been freed in the woods about Dallas, according to Dallas Camp, United Sportsmen. The cottontails will replenish stock reduced by last season's heavy kill and by hard winter weather.

Efforts of American Newspaper Guildsmen and representatives of Wilkes-Barre's three suspended newspapers to reach a settlement of their five-month-old strike dragged on this week without agreement on most of the major issues.

Movies playing at the Himmler Theater in Dallas included "The Great Waltz" starring Luise Rainer; "Rhythm of the Saddle" starring Gene Autry; and "Dramatic School" starring Luise Rainer.

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"ARE YOU PLANNING TO GIVE UP ANYTHING FOR LENT?"



"Eating the snacks at work."

Laura Olson
Dallas



"Eating all the fast foods that are not healthy."

Steve Leonardi
Dallas



"No, I haven't; but it would probably be chocolate."

Nicole Yakowski
Dallas



"No, I'm not Catholic."

Nancy Elred
Dallas



"I could give up chewing gum."

Vanessa Reid
Dallas



"I've already given them up - drugs."

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