

New books on library shelves

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

EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"Death of a Witch" by M.C. Beaton, "Heart and Soul" by Maeve Binchy and "While My Sister Sleeps" by Barbara Delinsky

FICTION

"Heart and Soul" by Maeve Binchy, "While My Sister Sleeps" by Barbara Delinsky, "Irish Tweed" by Andrew M. Greeley, "Among the Mad" by Jacqueline Winspear and "Luke's Story" by Tim F. LaHaye

NON-FICTION

"Images of America: Pennsylvania's Back Mountain" by Harri-

son Wick and "Ultimate Landlord Handbook" by William A. Lederer

MYSTERY

"Death of a Witch" by M.C. Beaton and "The Levee" by Malcolm Shuman

REFERENCE

"Images of America: Pennsylvania's Back Mountain" by Harrison Wick

BOOKS ON CD

"Fleeced" by Dick Morris and Eileen McGann

YOUNG ADULT

"Tender Morsels" by Margo Lanagan, "Jellicoe Road" by Melina Marchetta, "Eon: Dragoneye Reborn" by Alison Goodman, "Keeping the Night Watch" by Hope Anita Smith and "The Surrender Tree" by Margarita Engle

Books honor loved ones

The following memorial/honor books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of February 2009:

In memory of Leona J. Neiman, "Your U.S. Citizenship Guide" by Anita Biase, presented by Tiziana and Joseph Mazzarella and Family

In memory of Olive Phillips, "The Treasures of Florence and Tuscany" by Chiara Libero, presented by John and Beth Gager, "A Basketmaker's Odyssey" by Lyn Syler and "Indian Baskets" by Sarah Peabody Turnbaugh, presented by Marilyn Rudolph

In memory of Gene Wert, "Alaska: Portrait of a State", presented by Betty Metzger

HONOR

In honor of Karen J. Fry, "Living with Light: Decorating the Scandinavian Way" by Gail Abbott, presented by Brenda D. Colbert

In honor of The Dallas School District Leadership Team, "Praxis", presented by Paul Reinert

In honor of the birth of Melina Giselle Ospina-Wiese, "The Barefoot Book of Ballet Stories" by Jane Yolen and Heidi E.Y. Stemple, presented by Janet Bauman and Margaret Susko

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On March 2, 1807, the U.S. Congress passes an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States ... from any foreign kingdom, place or country." Great Britain also banned the African slave trade in 1807.

On March 7, 1876, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention - the telephone. Three days after filing the patent, the telephone carried its first intelligible message - the famous "Mr. Watson, come here, I need you" - from Bell to his assistant.

On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, the previously uncontrollable Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.

On March 8, 1893, Emmet Dalton, the only survivor of the Dalton Gang's disastrous attempt to rob two Kansas banks, begins serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary. After 14 years in prison, Emmet won parole and returned to society a reformed man. He finally married and began a successful career as a real-estate agent.

On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his famous inaugural address, Roosevelt outlined his "New Deal" and told Americans that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

On March 5, 1966, a jet breaks apart in mid-air and plummets into Japan's Mount Fuji. All 124 people on board the aircraft were killed. The plane's pilot apparently flew close to the mountain in order to give the passengers a better view, and severe turbulence literally blew the plane apart.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

If you're like the typical person, you completely regrow your fingernails once every four and a half months.

Financial statistics show that 1 percent of the population in the United States owns more than one-third of the country's wealth.

In the 17th century, a Frenchman opened a coffee shop in London and sold chocolate, newly imported from the Americas, for 10 to 15 shillings a pound. That may not sound like much until you learn that at the time, the going price of a pound of gold was 20 to 30 shillings.

Some species of lizards can lay many clutches of eggs over the course of a number of years after having mated only once.

Way back in 1879, the Cincinnati Gazette predicted that the game of baseball had "run its course."

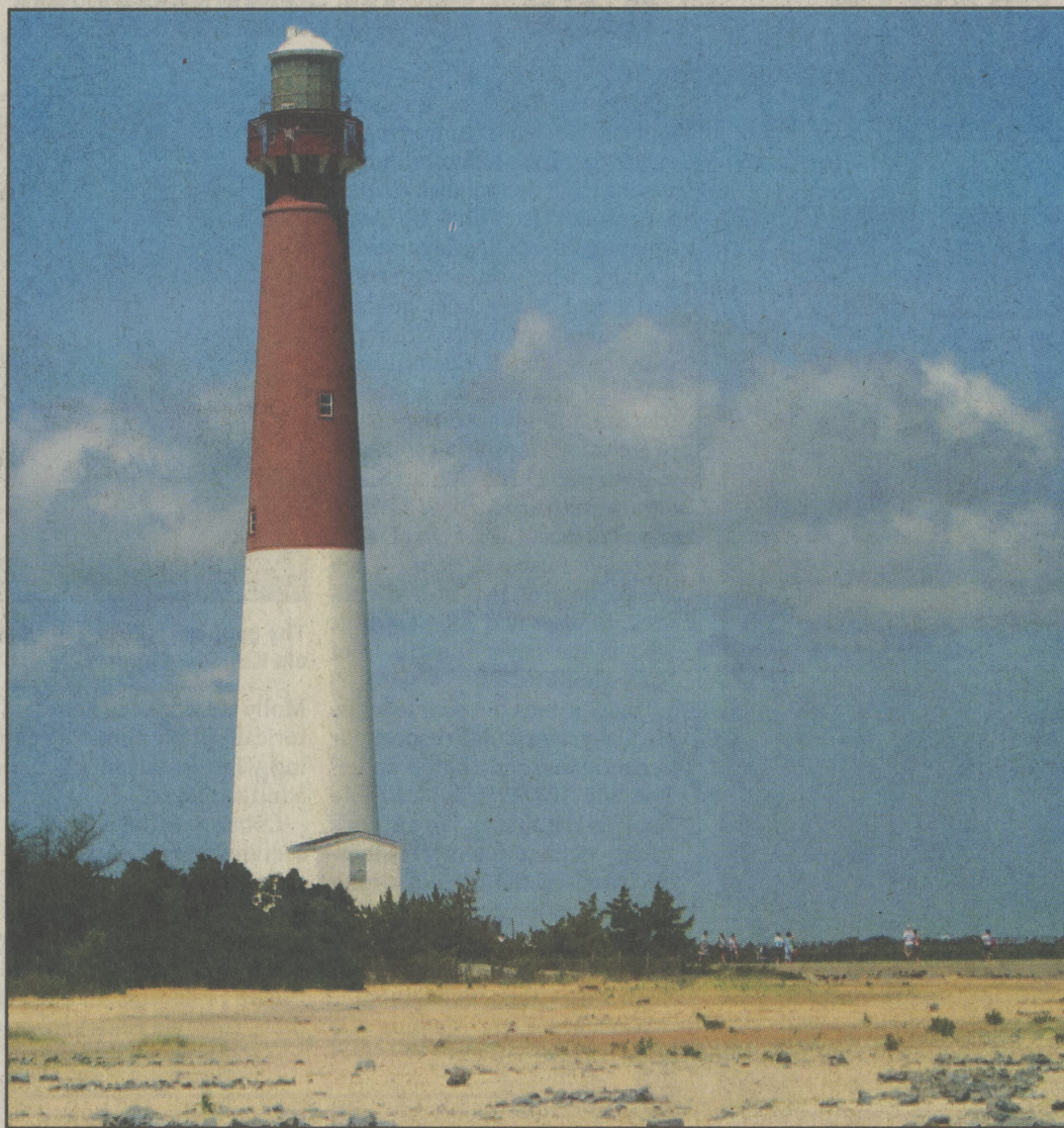
If you're a fan of fishing, here's a cautionary tale regarding the weather: A 48-year-old Colombian man named Felipe Ortiz decided (for reasons unknown) to go out fishing in a raging storm. He cast his line into a strong wind, but the line blew back and caused the baited hook to lodge in his throat, killing him.

You probably have never heard of the affliction once known as "boanthropy," but evidently in the 1800s a man thinking he was an ox was common enough to require its own word.

In the past 30 years, the size of the average American home has increased by nearly two-thirds.

Thought for the day: "Some people with great virtues are disagreeable, while others with great vices are delightful." - Francois, duc de La Rochefoucauld

THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jane Tomkinson, of Dallas, took this picture of the "Barnegat Light" lighthouse while on vacation at Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Long Beach Island is one of Jane's favorite vacation spots and climbing her way to the top of the lighthouse is always the best and most memorable part of her summer vacation.

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.

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

There is a small group of people who are extremely concerned about the condition of Harvey's Lake and they are doing everything in their power to make it better.

This group is the Harvey's Lake Environmental Advisory Council which consists of seven Harvey's Lake residents. Borough Councilman David Abod and Richard Boice serve as co-chairmen for the group, which also includes Linda Wilson, Philip Conrad, Bruce Hanson, Georgine Petroskas and Mike Shisko.

According to Abod, the long-range goal of the group is to find a permanent cure for the pollution problem in the lake.

Sunset Beach will remain closed to the public unless Harvey's Lake Borough builds a facility which provides swimmers with restrooms, showers, drinking water and a changing room. That announcement was made at last Tuesday's council meeting after council received a letter signed by Senator Charles Lemmond, informing them of the requirements.

In the past, swimmers at the beach were able to use the restrooms at Joe's Grotto, but since that establishment burned down several months ago, that will not be the case this year.

A referendum will be placed on the ballot for the upcoming primary election in May in order to learn about how Harvey's Lake residents feel about the beach project.

Shoppers will find the enlarged and remodeled Weis Market in Dallas ready for their carts this week. The store, which had been undergoing renovations since last fall, began a re-opening celebration Tuesday.

The store has been expanded from 26,000 square feet to 37,000 and every department has grown. In addition, several

new departments and features have been added. They include a fresh fish service counter, a salad bar, a hot soup bar featuring daily specials, a flower shop, and a Colonial Bake Shop.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

"You're going to get your new school, by hook or crook." These were the angry words of a Harvey's Lake Taxpayers Association official to a Lake-Lehman school administrator early Saturday morning while firemen battled the blaze which destroyed Lake Elementary School.

It was just one instance of many insinuations of arson in the fire which destroyed the 50-year old school. The school was condemned earlier this year by officials of the state department of labor and industry and was to be replaced by a new building which was extensively criticized as being too costly by taxpayer groups.

Harvey's Lake Women's Service Club announced winners of the poster contest held at Lake Elementary School for students in grades one to five. Winners of the contest, in which "litter" was the theme, were: Tammy Thorne, Brian Traver, Lori May, David Korbeil, Ivor Williams, Colleen Mooney, Jon Weber and Chris Kukosky.

Tracey Slocum, of Lake-Lehman, was named the District II Tournament's "Outstanding Wrestler" on Saturday at Lake-Lehman High School, in a vote by the coaches of participating teams. Lake-Lehman captured two titles in the PIAA District II Junior High Wrestling Tournament. Slocum captured the 120 pound class and Don Benza won the 155 pound class.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

The Junior Class of Dallas Senior High School will present its annual class play at the high school auditorium later this month. Donald F. Hopkins is directing "I Remember Mama," assisted by Robert Bauman, student director, and Nancy

Hughes, stage manager. Members of the cast are: Debbie Fader, Dave Ratcliffe, Ernie Gelb, Linda Colovas, Judy Allen, Sue Owens, Scott Saffian, Elaine Friedman, Debbie Kapral, Bill Guyett, Chris Rubino, John Harowitz, Virginai Jenkins, Michael Breakstone, Sharon Musto, Curtis Britt, Carol Shaskin, Laura Menzel, Duane Sprau, Debbie Anderson and Debbie Hartman.

Three Dallas School District elementary students were among the Wyoming Valley Motor Club and Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis sponsored safety poster contest winners. Clare McCarthy was second place winner, while Dottie Anthony and Gale Young received honorable mention.

Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, was crowned Valley League Champs (basketball) recently, having gone undefeated in 14 straight league games. Members of the team are Ed Onzik, Jack Wolensky, Tim Fannick, Joe Canfield, Pat Delaney, Tom Kupstas, Bud David, Dan Nulton, Charles Noon, John Yenason and Kevin Popson.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Disque Funeral Home was the first half championship team of the Back Mountain Neighborhood Bowling league. The team took first place with 46 points and had the highest single game of 903 and the highest total pins of 2603. Al Scheckler was highest individual in the league with a single game of 225. Members of the Disque team are: Richard Disque, William Allabaugh, Al Scheckler, Jack Yanik, William Cooper and Nick Buynak.

Yul Brynner and Claire Bloom were featured in "The Buccaneer" at the Himmler Theater, Dallas.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Two cousins were born in the Kozemchak family within fifteen minutes on Sunday. The new arrivals are Karen Kozemchak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Kozemchak and David Kozemchak, son of Mr. and Mrs.

James Kozemchak. Karen was born at Nesbitt Hospital and weighed seven pounds. David, nine pound at birth, was born at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Movies playing at the Shaver Theater, Shavertown, included "Paleface" starring Bob Hope and Jane Russell; "Feudin, Fussin and Fightin'" starring Marjorie Main, Donald O'Connor and Percy Kilbride; and "The Crusades" starring Loretta Young, Ian Keith and Henry Wilcoxon. At the Himmler Theater, Dallas, June Allyson and Judy Garland were featured in "Words and Music."

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

In the face of steadily diminishing property values throughout the rest of Luzerne County, the growing rural-suburban region about Dallas continued during the last twelve months to register gains in the value of its real estate. Civic leaders anxious for the development of the Dallas suburban area hailed the new assessment figures as indisputable evidence that this is the fastest-growing and most promising section of Luzerne County.

Tom Dropchinski of Lehman, who won his first ring encounter at South Main Street Armory, Wilkes-Barre, on Monday night, learned to fight by punching a bag in his father's barn at Lehman. "Nobody taught me," the rangy, muscular youth explains. "I just thought I'd like to box, so I put up a bag in the barn. You know, I didn't sign up for the fight until Saturday. That gave me two days to train."

Movies playing at the Himmler Theater in Dallas included "Submarine Patrol" starring Luise Rainer; "Girls On Probation" starring Ronald Reagan; and "Stand Up And Fight" starring Wallace Berry and Robert Taylor.

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.

"DO YOU THINK THE PLEA AGREEMENT MADE BY THE LUZERNE COUNTY JUDGES IS FAIR?"



"I think the sentence was fair. He (Judge Ciavarella) was fair to me. I hope it doesn't hurt his career too much."

Anne Higgins Chase



"No, not when they were supposed to uphold morals."

Lauren Lipski Lehman



"They've messed up kids' lives forever, so it's not enough."

Cheryl Dragon Lehman



"They were let off very easily."

Cathy Carter Sweet Valley



"I think they got preferential treatment."

Wayne McRoy Harveys Lake



"No, they should've gotten more than what they were given."

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