

Book signing with Sr. Pulling

As we clear our minds and make room for the newness of spring, the Back Mountain Memorial Library is offering several opportunities to get you started!

Book signing

A book signing, featuring local author Sr. Anne Frances Pulling, RSM, MA will be held at the library from 2 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

Sister Pulling will autograph her book "Dallas, Pennsylvania." The cost of the book is \$24.95. Stop by to pick up an autographed copy and speak with the author.

Gardening class

All green-thumbed gardeners ready to venture into their yards will be eager to register for a popular program, "Master Gardeners Creative Gardening Tips That Are Fun, Make Gardening Easy and Cost Saving." Master Gardeners Roseanne Nardone and Jean Kolojchick will present this workshop, which will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

Friends Luncheon

It is once again time for our Friends of the Library Annual Luncheon with a Special Author. Susan Campbell Bartoletti, a native of Scranton, will be this year's featured author. Susan won the prestigious Newberry Honor award for her novel entitled "Hitler: Youth." Some of her other novels include, "Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine 1845-1850," "Growing Up in Coal Country," "No Man's Land: A Soldier's Story." Her most current novel is "The Boy Who Dared."

The price of the luncheon is \$25 and will include the hors d'oeuvres table and a meal of grilled chicken on a bed of greens served with apples/feta/grapes and olives for garnish. Reservations are required by completing

an invitation form available at the library.

Cooking class

A Gourmet Cooking Class taught by Gary Edwards of Fire and Ice on Toby Creek will be held at the library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28. Chef Edwards will demonstrate his master techniques in preparing an exquisite gourmet meal, while enticing attendees with this delicious fare afterwards. Cost of the class (including meal) is \$22. Space is limited and payment is due at the time of registration.

You may call the library at 675-1182 or stop in for more information and to register for the above workshops.

Storyhours

A reminder to parents of children attending the Winter/Spring Storyhours that their last class will be during the week of April 6. Registration for the next session of Summer Storyhours will be on Wednesday, June 3, with telephone calls being accepted beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Parents who have already registered for the Spring Parent/Child Workshops are reminded that the first meeting will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14. The first resource professional speaking to families at this class will be Lori Cimino, Speech and Language Pathologist from Misericordia University.

There are no openings remaining for the Spring session of the Parent/Child Workshops, however, interested parents may call the library to register for the upcoming Fall Series.

Holiday hours

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, and remain closed on Friday, April 10. It will re-open on Saturday, April 11. The Slightly Read Bookshop will also be closed on Saturday, April 11.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On April 12, 1861, the Civil War begins when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston Bay in South Carolina. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort.
- On April 7, 1891, American showman P.T. Barnum dies in Bridgeport, Conn. The 81-year-old Barnum's sense of humor never deserted him. He requested that a New York paper run his obituary before he died so he could enjoy reading it, and the paper obliged.
- On April 6, 1909, American explorer Robert Peary accomplishes a long elusive dream when he and Matthew Henson reach what they determine to be the North Pole. Decades after Peary's death, however, navigational errors in his travel log surfaced, placing the expedition in all probability a few miles short of its goal.
- On April 8, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorizes almost \$5 million to implement work-relief programs. Hoping to lift the country out of the Great Depression, Congress allowed the president to use the funds at his discretion. The act was unprecedented and remains the largest system of public-assistance relief programs in the nation's history.
- On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp, near Weimar, Germany, a camp that will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It's not clear exactly why, but the United States' first first lady, Martha Washington, burned all the letters that President George Washington sent to her. And President Warren G. Harding's widow, Florence Harding, burned nearly all of his papers after his death.
- If you're a runner - and a compulsive counter - you might already be aware of the fact that the average person's feet hit the ground approximately 800 times per mile when running.
- Those who study such things say that famed German composer Ludwig von Beethoven was a coffee drinker who was very picky about his java. Evidently, exactly 60 coffee beans had to be ground for each cup - and he would insist on having them counted out every time.
- The next time you're tempted to whip out the plastic to make a purchase, you might want to consider this little factoid: The average American spends 20 percent to 30 percent more when using a credit card than when paying with cash.

Thought for the day: "The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it." - Patrick Young

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THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Because nature is in a transition period, the colors are very bland at this time of year so Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, submitted one of his favorite photos. This scene is from Horseshoe Bay, Bermuda and Deno calls it "The View From My Chair." Deno says he remembers the day well - he was sitting in a beach chair enjoying an adult beverage with the warm sea breeze blowing across his sunburned face, the ultra soft pink sand beneath his feet and the aqua blue crystal clear water lapping at the shoreline.

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.

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Babylon, which was famous for its hanging gardens, had nothing on Dallas, which is gaining attention for its hanging walls.

At its meeting on Wednesday night, Dallas Borough Council heard complaints that retaining walls on Lake, Main and Huntsville Streets are leaning dangerously over sidewalks. Chief of Police Walter Covert was instructed to notify the property owners of the hazard and ask them to have repairs made.

The championship girl's team from Kingston Township High School held a party at Lyne's store on Wednesday night. Games were played and gifts of appreciation were presented to Miss Pfahler and Miss Saxe. Refreshments were served to the following: Helen Lawson, Ruth Gordon, Monica Stencil, Marion Jones, Anne Phillips, Phyllis Lyne, Betty Anthony, Lois Henning, Marion Anthony, Margaret Davis, Bernice Lozo, Helen Montanye, Managers Dorothy Straub, Frances Shappelle, Barbara Ringstrom, Miss Pfahler and Miss Saxe.

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1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Future Farmers Of America, Blue Ridge chapter, held its eighth annual banquet at Lehman Township High School last week with an attendance of eighty-seven. Dinner was served by the girls of the home economics department.

Entertainment was furnished by Herman Coons, whose humorous songs added much comedy to the occasion. A trumpet duet was given by Richard Thomas and Richard Weidner.

The Dallas Post named its 1949 men's all-star basketball

team. Among the members of the stars were: Danny Gulitus, Laketon; Charles Frankenfield and Gene Strauss, Fairview; Jack Richards, Kingston Township; and Edwin Jones, Harter.

Meade J. McMillen, Shavertown, has been elected president of Dallas Rotary Club. Other officers elected are: Donald J. Evans, vice president; Dan G. Robinson, treasurer; Don Ide, secretary; and James Gross, sergeant-at-arms.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Six students from Westmoreland High School and two from Lake-Lehman Jointure participated in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Heart Association contest at Lake-Lehman School. From Westmoreland were Joan Hand, Naomi Holtzman, Donna Garinger, Donna Weeden, Beth Weiss and Mary Jane Jerista. From Lake-Lehman were Robert Rogers and Thomas Evans.

An Acme warehouse truck bound for Wellsboro and carrying four tons of meat for delivery at scheduled stops along the way, was forced off the road Tuesday at midnight by an unidentified driver. It struck a utility pole on Church Street, throwing the Old Goss Manor section into darkness for an hour. The driver was not injured.

B. Kirby Jones was ordained to the ministry Tuesday evening at services held at Monroe Baptist Church, Beaumont. He has been serving the congregation of the First Christian Church of Sweet Valley for several months.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Ned Hartman, general chairman of the 17th annual Antiques Show and Sale to be held at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, announced the following committee chairman for the show: co-chairman, Mrs. Gerald Bango; dealers, Mrs. Hans Dreher; admissions, Mrs. William Wentz; hospitality, Mrs. A. Dewitt Smith; publicity, Mrs.

Bernard Banks assisted by Mrs. David Alderson, Mrs. William Wright, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Carl Goeringer, Mrs. Martin Moore and Mrs. Joseph Hunt.

At the Checkerboard Inn, Carverton Road, a six ounce lobster tail dinner complete with fries and cole slaw sold for \$1.95. A six ounce strip steak dinner with potato and vegetable was \$1.50.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 705, Trucksville, met to help prepare a Girl Scout camp mailing. The girls affixed address labels and packed bundles for the mailing. Participants include Barbara Bessmer, Laura Dymond, Cathy Decker, Alice Engler, Cindy Harris, Sandy Hislop, Nancy Schmittle, Barbara Johnson, Dawn Morgan, Carol and Betsy Kreidler, Jean Marie Petro, Sheryl Ann Powell, Dianne Rattigan, Patty Summers, Lisa Williams and Jacelyn Nickols.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Wyoming Valley came perilously close to repeating the 1972 "Agnes disaster" during this year's early March flooding, according to Luzerne County Civil Defense. In its April report, Civil Defense said that two more inches of rain or snow melt entering the Susquehanna River would have sent the river water over the dikes in a repeat of what has been termed "the greatest natural disaster in American history."

Construction of the new Back Mountain Medical Center got underway last Saturday with a groundbreaking ceremony at the site located along Route 118, Lehman Township. Representatives and officials of the Fall Fair Association, Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, local and state dignitaries participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Students of Dallas Senior High School were guests of College Misericordia recently for a special mathematics career day program. Joining with some 70 other high school students from area

schools, the Dallas group participated in a career information program, discussed the Misericordia math major, and learned about admissions policies and procedures at the college. Participating students included Gayle Kirk, Dennis Sitowski, Gloria Hazletine and Mark Cebrick.

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Members of the Shavertown United Methodist Men met to plan their annual Communion and Breakfast at the church. Sen. Charles D. Lemmond, Jr. will be the guest speaker. The women of the church will prepare the meal. Committee members include Lee (Jack) Strickland, Robert Deeble, Jarrett Roan, Clyde Brace, Robert Bearley, Pastor James Wert and Richard Harding.

Mr. Gilbert Griffiths, principal of the Dallas Middle School, recently recognized 16 outstanding academic students who earned Highest Honors during the second semester. The students earned this distinction by earning straight A's in the marking period. Those students are: Keith McDonald, Nina Mathers, Karen Wisniewski, Allyssa Rosenthal, Marc Barbose, Eric Lehman, Scott Sobocinski, Mike Vozniak, Becky Yurko, Nicholas Sabatini, Kathleen Sallitt, Rina Fernandez, Vanessa Wesoocki, Kim Jones, Quentin Reese and Kathy Delinsky.

The Lake-Lehman High School Symphonic Band, under the direction of John Milauskas, will present its annual spring concert on Friday and Saturday in the school auditorium. Band officers are: Alan Perrego, president; MaryAnn Kasko, vice president; Michelle Phares, secretary; and Marcy Yench, treasurer.

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.

"HAS YOUR PAYCHECK INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE?"



"No, we haven't noticed anything."

Diane Flaherty
Dallas



"Every two weeks, \$13 extra, and that's \$26 each month."

Andy Howard
Dallas



"I got a raise but I didn't think it had anything to do with the stimulus. Did it get here yet?"

Cory Zofcin
Kunkle



"It hasn't gone up for me."

Glen Johnson
Lehman



"Yes, since it changed - about \$300 more."

David Sechrist
Tunkhannock



"No, because I'm unemployed right now."

Josh Sitkowski
Tunkhannock