

New books on library shelves

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntville Rd., Dallas, for the month of April 2009:

EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"True Detectives" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Pursuit" by Karen Robards, "Executive Dock" by Anne Perry and "Very Valentine" by Adriana Trigiani

FICTION

"True Detectives" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Pursuit" by Karen Robards, "Executive Dock" by Anne Perry, "Very Valentine" by Adriana Trigiani, "Complete Novels" by John Cheever, "Collected Stories and Other Writings" by John Cheever, "American Writings" by Lafcadio Hearn and "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein

NONFICTION

"Winning in the 5th Quarter" by Bob Beck, "Eat This Not That!" by David Zinczenko, "China's Great Wall" by Dongfeng Zhai, "Soul Communication" by Zhi Gang Sha and "Bodies from the Ice" by James M. Deem

BIOGRAPHY

"The Girl Next Door" by Barbara Ann Anzalone

YOUNG ADULT

"Bull Rider" by Suzanne Morgan Williams, "The Forest of Hands and Teeth" by Carrie Ryan and "Max: A Maximum Ride Novel" by James Patterson

SPECIAL DONATIONS

"Call Me Kate: Meeting the Molly Maguires" by Molly Roe, donated by Noreen Gladey, staff member of the Back Mountain Memorial Library

THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marilyn Gregorski, volunteer coordinator at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas, took these pictures during a tour of the Dingle Peninsula while on tour in Ireland last April. Marilyn says looking at the peninsula was like looking at a little bit of heaven.

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.

Reader thanks legislators for Public Lands Bill vote

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Rep. Chris Carney and Senators Robert Casey Jr. and Arlen Specter for voting for the Public Lands Bill on March 25.

This far-reaching bill will protect wilderness areas, rivers, heritage sites and parks on public lands across the United States. Specifically, it will add two million acres of wilderness in nine states to the National Wilderness Preservation System. That's the largest addition in 15 years!

This includes additions in the Rocky Mountain Wilderness Area, Clark Mt. Hood and other parts of our most pristine areas. While most of the areas are not in Pennsylvania, they are part of our natural heritage and places we all treasure.

This is the first step on the long road to ensuring that we continue to preserve public land for out-

door recreation, protect wildlife habitats and ensure clean drinking water for millions. Environmental initiatives must continue to be a national priority since they affect all of us.

As a Native American proverb states: "Only when the last tree has been cut down, only when the last river has been poisoned, only when the last fish has been caught, only then will you find that money cannot be eaten."

I applaud Rep. Carney and Senators Casey and Specter for their votes on this bill but I continue to urge them to stand behind environmental legislation that addresses climate change and that protects and preserves the environment for the health and well-being of current and future generations.

Leanne Mazurick
Upper Demunds Road
Dallas

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On April 17, 1790, American statesman, printer, scientist and writer Benjamin Franklin dies in Philadelphia at age 84. Besides writing and publishing "Poor Richard's Almanack," Franklin invented the Franklin stove, bifocal eyeglasses and the lightning rod.
- On April 19, 1897, the first Boston Marathon is run. It was held on April 19, Patriots' Day, a holiday celebrated in honor of the start of the Revolutionary War. In 1969, Patriots' Day was officially moved to the third Monday of April, and the Boston Marathon has been run on that day ever since.
- On April 18, 1906, an earthquake estimated at close to 8.0 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco. The quake was caused by a slip of the San Andreas Fault over a segment about 275 miles long. It was estimated that some 3,000 people died as a result of the Great San Francisco Earthquake and the subsequent fires it inflicted upon the city.
- On April 16, 1926, the first Book-of-the-Month Club selection is distributed. The selection, "Lolly Willows, or, The Loving Huntsman" by Sylvia Townsend Warner, went to nearly 5,000 members who had joined the club, which was established in New York City.
- On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, age 28, becomes the first black player in Major League Baseball when he steps onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, N.Y., to compete for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson broke the color barrier in a sport that had been segregated for more than 50 years.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- While the largest animal on the planet is nursing, the baby blue whale puts on an average of 200 pounds every day.
- The Great Wall of China is the longest continuous construction project in the history of the world, taking 1,700 years to complete.
- In Washington state, it was once illegal to carry a concealed weapon that was more than 6 feet in length.
- Doubtless you're familiar with the phrase "let the cat out of the bag," but did you ever wonder where such an odd turn of phrase came from? It seems that at one time when people bought small livestock, particularly young pigs, the animals were often carried in cloth sacks. It was a not-uncommon practice for unscrupulous salesmen to cheat the purchaser by stuffing a live cat into the sack instead of the promised pig. To "let the cat out of the bag" was to give away the dishonest scheme.
- You might be surprised to learn that famed lover and heart-breaker Casanova eventually became a librarian.
- Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas provides 8,000 parking spaces for its guests. And, hopefully, extensive maps so they can find where they parked.

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

A ruthless chicken thief who looted a Sweet Valley coop 11 times in one night and twice in another was apprehended by State Motor Police and shot Saturday morning. Remeaks Williams of Sweet Valley killed his



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German Shepherd dog when its connection with the theft of 13 chickens from the coop of his neighbor, Walter Wesley, was proved by investigators. Williams shot his dog immediately after its guilt was established and made restitution to Wesley.

Kingston Township High School has done it again. The Girls' Glee Club, a 50 voice group coached by Miss Madge Anderson, won the Luzerne County Glee Club championship in a close contest with the glee club of West Wyoming High School at West Wyoming Tuesday morning.

The girls will compete in the district finals at Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, tomorrow, and Richard Jones, who recently won the county oratorical contest, will also compete.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

The charter has been received for a new Kunkle Fire Company named in honor of Harry C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, who lost his life in Belgium on January 15, 1945, while serving as a platoon leader with the 135th infantry. The company has been in the process of organization for the past two years and has approximately 50 members. Officers are: Marvin Elston, president; Frank Boston, secretary-treasurer; and Fred Dodson, chief.

If there are no clouds in the sky tonight we should be able to witness a total eclipse of the moon from 10:30 until midnight.

A new Dallas Athletic Club was organized Tuesday at a meeting held in the American Legion Home. Organized to sponsor athletic teams to represent this area, the club was given a big boost by the whole-hearted backing of Dallas merchants. Harold Brobst was elected president of the club with the following chosen to assist him: Steve Sedlar, vice-president; Tom Reese, treasurer; and Bob Moore, secretary.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

The male lead in the current Little Theater production, "Monique," which started last night at the Community Center on North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, is a Trucksville Gardens man, Don Law. Mr. Law, a personable young man in real life as well as on the stage, is a graduate of King's College. His wife is a Misericordia College graduate, who substitutes in local schools. There is a small boy, Greg, five years old.

Westmoreland Key Club Drill Team will compete against other Key Club teams from all over Pennsylvania this weekend. Going by Martz bus, they will leave for Pittsburgh Friday morning. The twenty-six lads are: George McCutcheon, Capt. Donald Bellas, Lt. Gary Deitz, Lt. Frank Cooper, Lt. Robert Shotwell, Jack Eck, Douglas Shelley, Wayne Schmol, Robert Eyet, William Steinhauer, Ross Steinhauer, Richard Besteder, Robert Bullock, James Case, Gordon Lorentz, Thomas Bloomer, Clinton Hess, Fred Newman, Fred Houlihan, Durrelle Scott, Robert Walp, David Kimball, George Jacobs, Edgar Inman, Peter Letts and Ronald Trewern.

Edward McDade, Dallas postal letter carrier, may have foiled a robbery attempt early Tuesday night at Mrs. Roscoe B. Lee's home on Terrace Drive. McDade was notified by telephone at his home on Sunset Avenue that two men were prowling about the Lee property shortly after 9 p.m. He drove over immediately to investigate and saw a dark Plymouth sedan parked in front of the house. When he walked up the driveway two men ran away from the house. When police arrived they found that screen had been pried off a window on the side of the house that faces a wooded area.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Another new development in Dallas Township was discussed by supervisors of that municipality at their regular meeting last week. Glendalough (Lake of the Glen) will be the name of a new development constructed by Frank McCarthy, who purchased 45 acres of ground from Paul Klug across from "The Maples" on Demunds Road. Mr. McCarthy said only expensive homes would be built there and he is anxious to get construction underway.

Dallas Women's Club Chorale will entertain members of Lu-

zerne County Federation of Women's Clubs at the Spring meeting to be held at Irem Temple Country Club. Members of the Chorale are: Mrs. Walter Davidson, accompanist, Mrs. Charles Mahler, Mrs. Victor Cross, Mrs. Evan Bonawitz, Mrs. Jill Sickler, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Robert Besecker, Mrs. Donald Shafer, Mrs. Edward Barber, Mrs. Joseph Kaminski, Mrs. Mrs. Joseph Balavage, Mrs. Leon Brokenshire and Mrs. Paul Lauer.

Girl Scout Troop 656 of Carverton recently attended the performance of "The Hobbit" at College Misericordia. Attending were: Cindy Cobleigh, Susan Richards, Sandy Perry, Jane Marstell, Donna Hoover, Debbie Wasserott, Lynn Wolfe, Mrs. Ann Marstell and Mrs. Joan Wasserott, leaders.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Robert Robertson, Mona Sickler, Mark Miller and Cindy Steinkirschner, all Dallas Senior High School students who were selected for District and Regional Band, were presented with trophies at the recent Dallas Band Sponsors Dinner.

Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Oblate, Plains, Gate of Heaven cheerleaders took first place in the Northeastern Pennsylvania District Cheerleading Jr. High Competition. The girls received the highest points in the over-all cheerleading elementary, jr. high and high school competition. A score of 94 out of 100 points with a special notation by the judges, "very pretty girls" and "excellent." In addition to the first place trophy, Susan Stravinsky, captain, was awarded first place trophy for cheer queen, with second place going to Catherine Leonard. Members of the squad are: Katie O'Konski, co-captain, Maria Malak, Lisa O'Neill, Karen Martin, Megan Flynn, Kathy Clamar, Susan Stravinsky, captain, Michelle McGraw, Sharon Dougherty, Kim Dougherty and Adele Corrales.

Lake-Lehman junior and senior high wrestlers were honored at an awards dinner at Jimeal's, Plymouth, Sunday evening, in recognition of their performance this season. The senior varsity took the District II AA team title. Awards were presented to Mike Leskowsky, outstanding wrestler; Tom Williams, most dedicated; Kevin Wagner, most improved; and Ray Leskowsky, outstanding senior. Junior wrestlers who re-

ceived special awards included Tracey Slocum, outstanding wrestler; Don Benza, outstanding freshman; Al Martin, most improved; and Chuck Garnett, most dedicated.

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Several Back Mountain youngsters recently attended a Sibling Class in the first floor Nurses' Lounge at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital. The free classes are offered several times each year for those parents interested in acquainting their child to life with a new baby brother or sister. Back Mountain youngsters who participated in the class include: Marissa Lipfert, Sarah Killian, Shane Shrader, Hume Ross, Elise Persilo, Sara Kuzma-Johnson, Stephanie Yachim, Timothy Persilo, Jason Arnold and Robin Butler.

At the Luzerne County Scholastic Art Awards, held at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre, Heidi Strazdus, a senior at Dallas High School, was awarded the honor of having the only art portfolio accepted and sent for future judging on the college scholarship level. Heidi's portfolio consisted of eight drawings in various mediums. Eight other students from Dallas Senior High had their work judged and awards were given on a regional level to: Todd Barket, Andrea Brinola, Kerry Burke, Lisa Hite, Kurt Lupinski, Stacy McCuen, Justine Pilecki and David Zachary. Dallas Junior High and Dallas Middle School had six students work accepted. They are: Lynn Baluh, Aria Pierson, Terri Bartelson, John St. Clair, Paul May and Catherine Grossman.

Trucksville Nursery School's Parent Enrichment Group is planning the school's annual "Sundae Sunday" ice cream social for this Sunday, rain or shine. In celebration of the school's 20th year, alumni and their families from the classes of 1969-1988 are invited to visit their alma mater and make their own ice cream sundaes. Hillside Dairy ice cream will be featured. Planners and their children include: Denise and Jennifer Mital; Pauline, Adam and Matthew Gabriel; Nancy, Laura and Jill Vanderhook; and Ann and Hume Ross.

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.

"HOW DO YOU USUALLY CELEBRATE EASTER?"



"Go to grandma's house in Lebanon."

Justin Dresch
Dallas



"Just get together with family, have ham and find our Easter baskets."

Kasey Bloom
Dallas



"We go to church and then have Easter dinner."

Paul Donlin
Dallas



"We have a big dinner and visit with family."

Helen Davis
Dallas



"Gather with the family and have an Easter egg hunt at my mother's."

Rob Wintersteen
Dallas



"We'll have a big dinner, ham, and our whole family gets together."

Nancy Space
Lake Silkworth

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