

New books on library shelves

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

EXPRESS (1 WEEK)

"Finger Lickin' Fifteen" by Janet Evanovich, "Swimsuit" by James Patterson, "The Shimmer" by David Morrell, "Razor Sharp" by Fern Michaels, "The Best of Times" by Penny Vincenzi, "Black Hills" by Nora Roberts, "Burn" by Linda Howard and "The Devil's Punchbowl" by Greg Iles

FICTION

"Swimsuit" by James Patterson, "The Shimmer" by David Morrell, "Lucky Streak" by Carly

Phillips, "Unplugging Philco" by Jim Knipfel, "Italian Shoes" by Henning Mankell, "Summer House" by Nancy Thayer, "Bone-Man's Daughters" by Ted Dekker, "The Doomsday Key" by James Rollins, "The Best of Times" by Penny Vincenzi, "Black Hills" by Nora Roberts, "Burn" by Linda Howard and "The Devil's Punchbowl" by Greg Iles

NON-FICTION

"An Oresteia" translated by Anne Carson and "Poems 1959-2009" by Frederick Seidel

MYSTERY

"Spin a Wicked Web" by Cricket McRae

DVDs

"The Secret Life of Bees"

Meadows fundraiser a success

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your news coverage of our annual fundraiser, "Market on the Pond." This was our 25th year and over \$14,000 was raised to benefit our residents at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

The Meadows Auxiliary sponsors this event and over 100 vendors participated. The many volunteers and community groups who have a helping hand are so appreciated and we applaud them. We also give a big "thank you" to our many sponsors.

Despite having to go to a rain date, visitors attended by the thousands and, best of all, our residents had a fun day, mingling and shopping with the crowds.

Unless the community knows about the special events taking place throughout our valley, we would not be able to talk about the overwhelming success of "Market."

Marilyn Gregorski

Betty Sorchik

Volunteer Coordinators

The Meadows Nursing Center

Auxiliary

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On July 26, 1775, the U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general. Franklin put in place the foundation for many aspects of today's mail system, including standardized delivery costs based on distance and weight.

• On July 24, 1901, author William Sydney Porter, otherwise known as O. Henry, is released from prison after serving three years in jail for embezzlement from a bank. While in prison he began writing stories to support his young daughter.

• On July 22, 1923, John Dillinger joins the Navy in order to avoid charges of auto theft, but deserts within a few months. Dillinger's reputation as America's most notorious criminal was forged in a single 12-month period in the early 1930s, during which he robbed more banks than Jesse James did in 15 years.

• On July 21, 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower presents his "Open Skies" plan, which called for the United States and the Soviet Union to exchange maps indicating the exact location of every military installation in their respective nations. The Russians rejected the plan. Months later, the Eisenhower administration approved the use of high-altitude spy planes to conduct surveillance over the Soviet Union.

• On July 20, 1969, stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Neil Armstrong becomes the first human to walk on the moon. He told more than a billion people listening at home on Earth: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

• On July 25, 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the world's first baby to be conceived via in-vitro fertilization, is born in Manchester, England. The healthy baby was delivered by Caesarean section and weighed in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American paleontologist, biologist and scientific historian Stephen Jay Gould who made the following observation: "The most important scientific revolutions all include, as their only common feature, the dethronement of human arrogance from one pedestal after another of previous convictions about our centrality in the cosmos."

• Those who study such things claim that spectators at horse races consume more snacks than fans at any other live sporting event.

• Duct tape is famous for the numerous uses to which it's been put, but you may be surprised to hear about this one: haute couture (of a sort). Every year, Duck brand duct tape holds a contest in which high-school students create prom dresses out of, yes, duct tape. The winner receives a \$3,000 scholarship for college.

• From the Yes, There Is a Word for It files: purlicue. When you extend your forefinger and thumb as if you're shooting an imaginary gun, the space between the two digits is known as the purlicue.

• The average bat lives approximately 18 years -- and spends about 12 of those years sleeping.

• Iconic Elizabethan English playwright and poet William Shakespeare had no formal education past grammar school.

• If you travel to Tokyo and have the great good fortune to dine at the exclusive restaurant called Happo-en, you might be able to get a look at the oldest bonsai trees in the world. The specimens kept in the restaurant's private garden have been lovingly cultivated for between 400 and 800 years.

• When they're over the open ocean, tsunamis can travel at more than 500 miles per hour.

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Thought for the day: "If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut." - Albert Einstein

THIS WEEK IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN



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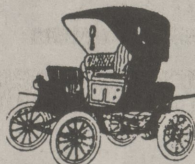
When in doubt, get out! Seven-year-old Lucas McGeehan and his 5-year-old sister, Mallory, of Shavertown, run from a ferocious dolphin while vacationing in Ocean City, Md. Lucas and Mallory are the children of Bob and Bonnie McGeehan.

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

After a long wait, the taste of pizza has returned to Joe's Grotto at Harvey's Lake. The Grotto reopened its doors Monday at 4 p.m. Although the steel frame is all that stands of the main branch of the pizza place, a patio and gazebo are open for business.



**ONLY
YESTERDAY**

Ollie Daubert, of Shavertown, was recently installed as president of the Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, for a two year term. Other officers installed were Barbara Barakat, first vice president; Marge Richards, second vice president; Betty Williamson, secretary; and Marian Harvey, treasurer.

Truckville Cub Pack 155 visited the Swetland Homestead, Wyoming, last week to tour the Colonial Re-enactment being held there. Participation in the visit earned the boys credits in American Heritage. Participants included Jeff Ryan, Tim Pacewicz, John Shaskas, Seth Lajeunesse, Chris Banks, Jim Krispin and Bill Duda.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Two Back Mountain Scouts received the Parvuli Dei Award at Saint Mary's Byzantine Church recently. They are: Michael Shutlock and Paul Niznik.

Don Flick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Flick of Kunkle, returned home by plane from Kansas City, Sunday night, following an interesting and exciting weekend. Don flew to Kansas City last Friday to represent Pennsylvania in a replay of the Pony Express Ride. Don represented the Commonwealth as a member of Beaver Run 4-H Club.

Don, with representatives of 12 other states and Puerto Rico,

rode the first 20 miles over the original Pony Express route from St. Joseph, Mo. to Troy, Kansas. They were accompanied by a group of professional riders who were making the ride to the West Coast.

Newly elected officers of the Back Mountain Wrestling Club are: Don Taylor, president; Sharon Mathers, vice president; Paula Feeney, secretary; Don Hazletine, treasurer; and Tom Feeney, Paul Mathers and Larry Richards, directors.

JULY 19, 1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Seven girls appeared on the Auction Block Friday night at the Library Auction, to be recognized as banner saleswomen for tickets for the ultra-modern Luzerne Electric range. They are: Christine Naugle, Debbie Anthony, Connie Laning, Barbara Rice, Cathy Stella, Rita Schneider and Darlene Snell.

Summer activities are in full swing at the Harvey's Lake Yacht Club. Nineteen boats competed in the Black Diamond handicap race. The first place trophy went to Jack C. Barnes; second place to Jim Truckenmiller; third place to Adrian Pearsall and Attorney B. Todd Maguire.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Laning Harvey, Jr., Huntsville-Idetown Road has been appointed business manager of Wyoming Seminary. Harvey, in his new position, will have charge of all purchasing, business administration, construction, maintenance

and other facilities at Seminary and Day School.

Frank C. Johnson, newly appointed superintendent of Jackson Institution for Defective Delinquents, said yesterday in a telephone interview from Rockview that "Pennsylvanians can be very proud of the new institution. I have seen most of them across the country - especially the major corrective institutions - and this is one of the finest."

Announcement of Mr. Johnson's appointment was made this week by the State Department of Justice in Harrisburg. He is presently superintendent of Rockview Penitentiary.

College Misericordia, in need of dormitory space for rapidly increasing enrollment, has taken the first step to ameliorate crowded conditions by purchase of the former Titman home at 166 Lake Street now occupied by the Robert Schlaak family. It will be arranged to house ten girls and two sisters. Another home on Lake Street will also be purchased within a short time, one with about equal capacity.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Malcolm Nelson is chairman of the dance sponsored by Harvey's Lake Women's Service Club at Beaumont Hotel next Friday night. She will be assisted by Mrs. James Garey, Mrs. Myron Williams, Mrs. Carol Shreiner, Jr., Mrs. Clyde Hoyt and Mrs. Eldridge Shaver.

Dana Sickler, Carverton, was re-elected president of Carverton Rod and Gun Club at a meeting held Friday evening. Other officers elected are: Leo Sickler, first vice president; Richard Prynn, second vice president; John Dana, recording secretary; and Frederick Anderson, financial secretary.

Movies playing at the Himmeler Theater, Dallas, included

"The Barkley's of Broadway" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers; "Far Frontier" starring Roy Rogers; and "The Bribe" starring Robert Taylor and Ava Gardner.

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Faith Hope Charity Harding, precocious daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding of Trucksville, and whose strange predictions of coming events have excited considerable controversy during the last four years, has become a feature writer on the Naticoke Daily Press.

This week The Press, under a two-column photograph of the local child, credits Miss Harding with an "unusual power" which it calls "Occult Suasion." Miss Harding's duties as a staff member, presumably, are to advise readers of the Press on personal matters.

Movies playing at the Himmeler Theater, Dallas, included "Everybody's Baby" starring The Jones Family; "The King of Turf" starring Dolores Costello; and "Rose of Washington Square" starring Alice Faye and Al Jolson.

A group of young people from Alderson appeared in a successful comedy "One Delirious Night" on Wednesday in the Lake Township School auditorium under the sponsorship of the Alderson Methodist Church. Roannah Shoemaker and Charles Kern played the leading romantic roles. Paul Leithall and Richard Williams were good as the grandparents and Florence Hausch lent excellent comedy in her part. Others in the cast were Dorothy Lord, Basil Lord, Ethel Harris, Otis Allen, Thomas Garity, Hilda Allen, Walbridge Leithall and Robert Avery.

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.

"WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO SWIM IN THE SUMMER?"



"My pool because it's so convenient."

Marie DeLuca
Franklin Township



"Harveys Lake. The water's clean, it's a big lake and Grotto Pizza is right there."

Tony Walaitis
Harveys Lake



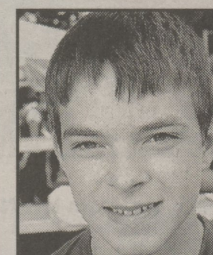
"Frances Slo-cum State Park. It's a great place for the kids to be with other kids."

Victoria Martin
Harveys Lake



"Newberry Estates because the pool is clean, there are open fields and all the other kids are there."

Vanessa Wells
Dallas



"Moon Lake Park but it's closed this year and that's very upsetting."

Charles Krouse
Hunlock Creek



"Come to think of it, the Back Mountain could use a community swimming pool."

Vince Sweeney
Harveys Lake

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