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## Final party for summer reading program Aug. 12

The final party of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12, on the grounds of the library.

Highlighting the party will be the magic duo of JustinCredible and Jack Davenport, a sensational teen magic act from Plymouth. Both boys attend Wyoming Valley West Middle School and are members of the Society of American Magicians (SAM). Their show features live animals, music, audience participation, illusions and loads of fun!

Summer reading participants are encouraged to complete their eight books before the party and go to the library for their reading certificate and final prize. All

those who complete their eight books before the party will be entered in a drawing to win another prize! Names will be announced at the final party. Children do not have to be present at the final party to win an extra prize.

Be sure to stop in soon or call the library to register for this Final Party and Magic Show!

For more information regarding any of these summer reading programs, contact the Children's Librarian at 675-1182.

In anticipation of next year's annual auction, we are asking for donations of used refrigerators in good condition to be used in our food booth. Please call the library if you know of any available for donation.

### MOMENTS IN TIME

#### The History Channel

• On Aug. 16, 1896, while salmon fishing near the Klondike River in Canada's Yukon Territory, George Carmack reportedly spots nuggets of gold in a creek bed, sparking the last great gold rush in the American West. "Klondike Fever" reached its height in the United States in mid-July 1897, when two steamships from the Yukon arrived in San Francisco and Seattle, bringing more than two tons of gold.

• On Aug. 14, 1912, the first double-decker bus appeared on the streets of New York, traveling up and down Broadway. The double-decker originated in London as a two-story, horse-drawn bus.

• On Aug. 11, 1934, a group of federal prisoners classified as "most dangerous" arrives at Alcatraz Island, a 22-acre rocky outcrop 1 1/2 miles offshore in San Francisco Bay. The convicts were the first civilian prisoners to be housed in the new high-security penitentiary.

• On Aug. 13, 1942, Walt Disney's classic film "Bambi" premieres at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The company had released its first feature-length animated film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," in 1937.

• On Aug. 12, 1953, less than one year after the United States tested its first hydrogen bomb, the Soviet Union detonates a 400-kiloton "Layer Cake" bomb fueled by uranium and lithium deuteride, a hydrogen isotope. The explosive power was 30 times that of the U.S. atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, during World War II, and the mushroom cloud it produced reached 5 miles into the sky.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

#### By Samantha Weaver

• In Alfred Hitchcock's iconic 1960 film "Psycho," that creepily realistic-looking blood in the famous shower scene was actually chocolate syrup.

• The Q-Tip brand of cotton swab was originally marketed under the name "Baby Gays."

• Do you know anyone who is xanthodontous? If so, you might want to refer them to someone specializing in cosmetic dentistry. "Xanthodontous" means "having yellow teeth."

• You might be surprised to learn that a Boeing 747 jet is longer from wingtip to wingtip than the distance of the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight.

• Evidently, pop star Christina Aguilera is popular in Russia. In 2005, one man wanted her to perform at his wedding so badly that he paid her \$2 million to sing just three songs.

• It may not seem like it in the heat of summer, but October isn't too far off, so you'd better start making your travel plans now. On Saturday, Oct. 17, you'll want to be at Peaceful Valley Orchards, a farm in Pittstown, N.J., for the Flying Pumpkin Festival. During this annual event, participants launch pumpkins from a huge catapult, trying for maximum distance and a satisfying splat.

• Those who study such things say that the tradition of a bride and groom exchanging wedding rings originated in the Middle East.

## YOUR SPACE



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This scene from Ricketts Glen State Park is called "On the Trail" by photographer Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas.

### SHARE YOUR PICTURES WITH OUR READERS

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

Submitted items may include photos or short stories and should be sent via e-mail at news@mydallaspost.com, by fax at 675-3650 or by mail to The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Information must include the submitting person's name, address and a telephone number in the event we have questions. Readers wishing to have their photos returned should include a self-address/stamped envelope.

Items will be published in the order in which they are reserved. The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

#### 1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

Members of the Dallas Kiwanis served as volunteers at the St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen at least once a month. They also contributed hams and canned goods to the kitchen to assist in feeding the underprivileged.



#### ONLY YESTERDAY

Among the members who volunteer are George McCutcheon, Tex Wilson, Jeff Birghill, Leo Corbett, Joseph Grimes, John Navich, Paul Selingo, Robert Dolbear and Jim Ward.

The Back Mountain A team took the championship in the first annual William W. Kubis Memorial Tournament for 11-year olds held at the Back Mountain field in July by defeating Hanover 84 in the final game. Members of the team are: Mark Morris, Jason Seward, Brian Berlew, Matt Bittner, Kevin McDonald, Dan Podehl, Fred Maier, Griffen Bicking, Greg Bogdan, R.J. Brooks, John Oliver, Carlo Santarelli and Richard Klick.

Lake-Lehman graduate Ann Marie Wilson was recently awarded a "Charles D. Flack" Memorial Scholarship at College Misericordia. She was chosen for the scholarship based on her scholastic aptitude, leadership abilities and involvement in school-related activities.

#### 1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Harvey's Lake Little League held its first annual Home Run Derby in July. A total of 40 boys and one girl participated. Nineteen trophies were awarded. Trophy winners were: Kevin Carey, Jason Cadwalader, Jason Williams, Ricky Titus, Mike Sullivan, Chris Engle, Andy Springer, Jimmy Martin, Jackie Davenport,

Mark Shonis, Robbie Kushke, Chuckie Lee, Aaron Parrish, Jeff Martin, Greg Javer, Rod Coulton, Chris Steele, T. Willy Cadwalader and Larry Titus.

At the local IGA Food Mart, a 25-foot roll of Reynold's Aluminum Wrap sold for 18 cents; a half-gallon ice cream of Abbott's ice cream sold for \$1.39; and chuck steaks sold for \$1.19 a pound.

Dave Williams and Drew Regan copped the doubles title of the Tupper Cup tennis tournament at Dallas Recreation Center. Dale Ehret and Bob Weidner were runners-up. In singles competition, Dave Williams won first place, followed by Drew Regan in second.

#### 1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Over 300 students played to a full house Thursday night, when Dallas Senior High School gym was the scene of the grand finale of the summer band program. The grand finale included every student in the program, 150 twirlers stepping off their routines, headed by the six fire twirlers, Karen Gillis, Michele Swingle, Patty Parrish, Kathy Stella, Jane Dominick and Kathy Edwards.

Thirteen girls from the Back Mountain will take an active part in the Fashion Show and Dress Revue scheduled by 4-H clubs of Luzerne County at the First United Methodist Church, Conyngham. They are: Sheryl Beard, Diane Chadwick, Mary Beard, Chris Andrew, Rosemary McAndrew, Jeanne Evans, Ellen Gilmartin, Mary Lou Pieczynski, Brenda Chadwick, Laura Elliot, Barbara DelVechnio, Sharon Reese and Roberta Reese.

Like a slumbering giant awakening from a long nap, the Linear plant located on Route 309 in Dallas is showing signs of activity. Idle since its shut-down in 1967 as a result of a bitter and prolonged labor-management

dispute, the plant was sold last week by the Rubatex Holding Corp. of New York City to Dallas Realty Corp.

Darrell Smith, manager of the new plant, has announced that employment in the initial stages of the plant's operations will be approximately 150. All employees, with the exception of a few key figures, will be hired from the local labor pool.

#### 1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Harry White, 21 year-old race driver of 17 Baldwin Street, Dallas, added another trophy to his collection on Sunday when his "hot rod" eliminated Bud Faust in the final race of the day winning top class and top eliminator. The drag races were the climax of race week in the valley and were run under sponsorship of the National Hot Rod Association.

A variety store which has served the Shavertown community well for nearly ten years is going out of business, not because there is less business, but because it has become time to retire for the owner, Julius Tischler, and his right-hand man, his wife, Mrs. Doris Tischler. Mr. Tischler, bedeviled with sciatica, yearns for a warmer climate and Mrs. Tischler, eager to travel, supports his views.

#### 1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Rev. Frederick Reinfurt has been selected for the third successive year to serve as chairman of the committee which will meet in October to select the Back Mountain citizen who will receive the Frank Hemelright Award for community service.

The award, given annually by an anonymous donor, will include a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a Certificate of Merit. Previous awards went to Howard L. Hendricks, supervising principal of Lehman schools, and to

Howard Risely, editor of The Dallas Post.

Members of the Hemelright Award committee are representatives of civic, church, fraternal and service organizations of the Back Mountain area. The award may go to a man or woman.

Lee Ohlman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ohlman, sustained a deep cut in the back of his head Tuesday while doing a back flip from the low diving board at Irem Temple Country Club pool. His head struck the board during the dive. Dr. Sherman Schooley treated him. Two stitches were required to close the wound.

#### 1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

Alderson Girl Scouts Troop 65, spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Wildwood, Harvey's Lake. Scouts present were: Lois Avery, Mary Delaney, Clare Stevenson, Cora Mayer, Anna Ginnel, Charlotte Getzman, Elizabeth Kitchen, Doris Rossman, Edna Miller, Jean Newhart, Betty Ann Newhart, Eleanor Humphrey, Naomi Higgins and Mildred Kitchen.

Miss Stella Elston entertained members of her class, sophomores at the Dallas Township High School, at a picnic and swimming party at her home in Kunkle, Thursday. The girls had a grand time in the new swimming pool at the Elston Farms. Present were: Mary Louise Kitchen, Ethel Boston, Caroline Brace, Mildred Schoonover, Margaret Boston, Norma Knecht, Mildred Boston, Lena Elston, Elva Knecht, Laura Rothery, Helen Elston, Mildred Kitchen and Jane Ide.

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.

### "DID YOU GO AWAY ON VACATION THIS SUMMER?"



"I went to Ocean City, Maryland, just for the beach for three or four days."

D.J. Harold  
Dallas



"Went to Boston, visited my brother there, saw Fenway Park and went to the top of the Pru (Prudential) Building."

Amanda Saxton  
Shavertown



"I went to South Bethany Beach, Delaware."

Krysti Rosengrant  
Red Rock



"We went to Steamtown, the Lackawanna Coal Mine and Dorney Park, Disneyworld in June and we're going back there this week."

Susan Allen  
Dallas



"This is my vacation - at home at Harveys Lake - because I go to school in North Carolina but I did go to the beach in Virginia."

Claire Apalski  
Harveys Lake



"I'm taking a vacation in October. We're going to Maui, I hope."

Chris O'Donnell  
Dallas