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First library Barn Tag Sale slated for Sept. 26

The first day of fall will arrive this week and, with it, comes cooler evening temperatures and many preparations for autumn activities. The Back Mountain Memorial Library is also busy planning for two exciting events!

Our first-ever Barn Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, which is also the last day of our Farmers' Market. Be sure to peak around the rear library grounds for great bargains on unsold items from our annual auction.

The Barn Tag Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will offer leftover auction items due to rain postponement, which include Lenox, Royal Doulton, Wedgewood, Baccarat, Carnival glass, Cut glass, Cranberry glass, Depression glass, Sterling Silver and silver plate items.

Antique items include Shabby Chic hall stand, seven-piece dining room suite, antique oak sideboard with mirror and shelving, postmaster sorting desk, cedar chest, wash stand, drop leaf table, marble top wash stand, dressers, chests, decorator items, dolls, jelly cupboard, pictures, mirrors, fine linens and much more!

Our Nearly Olde tent, Christmas and Basket tents will also offer unique items for early Christmas shopping. The Slightly Read Bookshop will extend its hours and remain open until 4 p.m. After shopping, be sure to stop by the Food Booth for a light lunch.

Haunted Library returns

The return of the Haunted Library is also just around the corner and will be held on Friday, Oct. 16; Saturday, Oct. 17; and Sunday, Oct. 18; Friday, Oct. 23; Saturday, Oct. 24; and Sunday, Oct. 25 and (an extra day this year!) Friday, Oct. 30.

Volunteer forms and parental permission slips are now available at the library...watch for more details.

In order to make room for the annual return of our "invisible inhabitants" of the Haunted Library, the library will not accept any type of Odds-n-Ends donations or book donations until after November 2.

Half price book sale

The Bookshop is holding a "Half-Price" fiction sale through October 14. During the sale, all fiction hardcovers will be sold at half price. There will also be a fantastic sale on chapter books, left over from the auction. They will be priced at only five cents each and if you buy five, you get one free!

Call the Children's Room of the library at 675-1182 for more details.

Story Hour registration

Registration for fall Story Hours begins at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Chinese philosopher Confucius who made the following sage observation: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."
- In 1875, a locust plague of epic proportions descended upon the Great Plains. Observers say it was 110 miles wide, and, at 1,800 miles long, stretched from Canada all the way down to Texas.
- If you ever travel to China, keep in mind that the menu item known colorfully as phoenix talons are actually just chicken feet.
- Farming is against the law in Washington, D.C.
- When business magnate Bill Gates was a student at Harvard, he probably wasn't taken very seriously when he told his professors that he would be a millionaire by the time he was 30 years old. Imagine their surprise when, by the time he turned 31, he was a billionaire.
- Before entrepreneur Eddie Bauer founded his eponymous clothing line, he sold tennis and badminton equipment.
- In ancient Rome, an augur was someone who devoted his time to predicting the future based on the behavior of birds. Yep, birds.
- In honor of National Pizza Month (which is October, in case you didn't know), here's an interesting tidbit: The average American eats 23 pizzas, or 46 slices of pizza each year.
- When "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith" was released in 2005, hard-core fans went to great lengths to be among the first to see the film. One man spent 139 days camping out in front of a theater to ensure his spot, remaining connected to work via his cell phone and laptop.

Thought for the day: "As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and, as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality." - Albert Einstein

YOUR SPACE



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On a recent trip through Ohio and Kentucky, Allan Hobbs of Harveys Lake took this photo of a U.S. Air Force cargo plane on its landing approach at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Hobbs was traveling with his wife, Carol.

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.

HL Homecoming was not run by council, reader says

Dear Editor:

It is with deep sadness that I should even find myself in the position of having to write this letter to clear the names of some very honest, civic-minded volunteers in our community.

The glaring headlines of your story about Harveys Lake Homecoming certainly cause the reader to draw some very wrong conclusions. It takes an entire year and a ton of work to plan and hold this event.

I served as treasurer for three of the four years that we held a homecoming. Upon resigning as treasurer, and in keeping with proper procedure, an audit was done.

The monies were placed in a special account by our borough council and remain there today, earmarked for beautification projects. These funds are accounted for and this is public record.

All that anyone with any question had to do was inquire at the borough office or a council meeting.

Instead, Sandra Serhan and Chris Concert chose to run to the newspaper and tarnish the image of our community and the good people here.

The homecoming was NEVER run by council and NEVER taken over by council. This was a community-wide event, organized by volunteers. It was optional for any council member to participate as a volunteer.

In its fourth, and so far final year, interest in the event had waned and there were not enough volunteers to undertake the project and keep it going. As a result of this loss of interest and poor weather in the fourth year, the event lost money.

Anyone in the community is welcome to pick up the ball and take on the challenge of organizing future homecomings.

I repeat, the homecoming was organized and run by community volunteers, not council. The decent and respectable thing to do would be to set up some meetings to see if there is enough interest and volunteers to undertake this large project.

In reading this article, the intentions of Sandra Serhan and Chris Concert appear less than noble. At the very least, they should have checked the facts and made some attempt to verify information before making such inflammatory statements that raise questions about some of the hardest working, dedicated members of our town.

Joan Kelly
Harveys Lake

1989 - 20 YEARS AGO

A part-time checker at Insalco's Supermarket in Dallas is credited with having saved the life of a little girl recently. Lynnette DeFrancesco of Trucksville was working when a frantic mother came running to the front of the store saying her daughter was choking. Lynnette, who is a certified life guard and CPR trained, had never used her training before, but she found herself doing the Heimlich Maneuver on little Amber Burkhardt, almost instantly responding to the mother's plea for help.



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Lynnette, a 19 year old sophomore in college and the daughter of Michael and Lorraine DeFrancesco of Carverton Heights, revived the girl twice before the arrival of the ambulance. After being admitted to the hospital, it was discovered that the little girl was running a fever and breathing passages in her throat were blocked, causing her to stop breathing.

1979 - 30 YEARS AGO

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Lake-Noxen Elementary School will be held on September 23 according to an announcement by Gilbert Tough, president of the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors.

Dory Zacharias of the Dallas Cowboys was the winner of the bicycle in the Mini-Football drawing held between games at the Cowboys-Bobcats game at Dallas Junior High School field.

1969 - 40 YEARS AGO

Agnes Gregson, Dallas, assistant vice president and manager of travel in the first National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, has been named chairman of the 125th anniversary observance committee at Wyoming Seminary. John N. Conyngham, who heads the special trustee committee overseeing anniversary year activities, announced the appointment.

Lake-Lehman cheerleaders introduced Debbie Jenkins, their new mascot, at the G.A.R. game Friday night. Members of the squad are: Debbie Rinken, Colleen Wandel, Barbara King, Linda Adams, Jackie Adams, Kathy Cook, Emma Fox, Doreen Davis, Cindy Osborne, Shirley Grady, Cathy Tranell, Gail Cornell, Judy

Lee, Donna Richardson and Lynn Adams.

1959 - 50 YEARS AGO

Members of Dallas MYF headed for Sky Lake Saturday morning. They encountered a sharp drop in temperature on Sunday, but enjoyed swimming and outdoor activities nonetheless. Some of the attendees were: Allan, Clark and Dale Mosier, Marilyn Yale, Quentin Getty, Glenda Williams, Susan Taylor, Sally Moyer, Douglas Shelley, Bill and Wilma Weidner, Barry Slocum, Ruth Ann Scott, Donald Williams, Donald Hopkins, Marcia Lawry, Fred Drake, Joe Peterson, Bill Welsh, Ruth Miller, Joy Bohanis, Judy Williams, Bonnie Updyke, Rita Rice, Judy Wright, Michelle Davis, Nancy Love, Susan Fleming, Harry McAdams, Linda Davies, Bruce and Barbara Hopkins, Georgia McCutcheon, Penny Ferrer, Gail Rumbaugh, Robert Brown, Bill Baker, Bill Kelley, Ruth Tinsley, Robert Wiley, Judy and Artie Miller, Richard and Nancy Love, Donna Smith and Alice Parsons.

1949 - 60 YEARS AGO

Bill Berti of Main Road was elected president of the tenth grade pupils at their election last

week. Other officers are vice president, Carl Youngblood, secretary-treasurer, Bob Straw and room reporter, Beverly Hill.

Senator Andrew J. Sordani has purchased the former YW-C.A. summer camp at Harvey's Lake for \$10,000. The property comprises one acre of land, a seven-room structure used by YW-CA staff during camping season, and adjoins the present large holdings of the Senator at the Lake.

1939 - 70 YEARS AGO

A rusty, cast-iron section of pipe, thrust playfully about the head of 19-month-old Roberta Tierney of Alderson by her older sister, had to be removed with a hacksaw this week after the child had suffered for more than an hour.

Roberta's sister, Janis, found the iron ring, which was about one-quarter inch thick, two and one-half inches high and less than six inches in diameter at the narrowest end of the opening.

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.

"WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE DALLAS HARVEST FESTIVAL?"



"Seeing all the familiar friends and faces and getting the community together."

Anthony Macri
Dallas



"I like all the booths and the food - just about everything."

Margaret Manzoni
Dallas



"The friendly hometown feeling and the l-Gourmet cheese stand."

Janet Kozokas
Trucksville



"The old time fire truck ride."

Tracey Burkhardt
Dallas



"It's very community-oriented with lots of local businesses and everybody I know is there."

Shawn Rybka
Harveys Lake



"I like the farmers market and the different stands."

Thomas Dombroski
Trucksville