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## Rotary booth at county fair will offer raffle of themed baskets

The Dallas Rotary Club announces a new venue for its booth at the Luzerne County Fall Fair which will be held Sept. 8-12.

Members, friends and local businesses have put together several baskets to raffle off during the five-day event. Some of the basket themes are money from the main entrance on games, equine, car care, tea, cheese, lottery tickets, golf, garden tools and supplies, first aid, gourmet foods, health, a picnic hamper and much more.

The Rotary Club will offer Dippin' Dots, a favorite with the young and young at heart, at its food stand at the fair. The Dallas Rotary Club booth is located down the hill and to the left from the main entrance on Route 118.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

On Sept. 15, 1858, the new Overland Mail Company sends out its first two stagecoaches, inaugurating government mail service between the eastern and western regions of the nation. Overland later competed with the Pony Express until May 10, 1869, the day the first transcontinental railroad was completed. On that day, the U.S. government canceled its last overland mail contract.

On Sept. 17, 1884, Judge Allen disposes of the 13 criminal cases on his Oakland, Calif., docket in only six minutes. Although he apparently set a new record for speed, defendants in Oakland's criminal court did not stand much of a chance of gaining an acquittal. In a 40-year period at the turn of the century, only 1 defendant in 100 was acquitted.

On Sept. 14, 1901, U.S. President William McKinley dies after being shot by a deranged anarchist during the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. When McKinley was operated on after being shot, doctors had failed to find the bullet, and gangrene soon spread throughout his body.

On Sept. 16, 1940, Selective Service is born as Congress passes the Burke-Wadsworth Act, imposing the first peacetime draft in the history of the United States. By the end of World War II, approximately 34 million men had registered, and 10 million served with the military.

On Sept. 19, 1959, in one of the more surreal moments in the history of the Cold War, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns that he cannot visit Disneyland. Government authorities feared that the crowds would pose a safety hazard for the premier.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

It was author, journalist and political consultant Vic Gold who made the following sage observation: "The squeaking wheel doesn't always get the grease. Sometimes it gets replaced."

The record for the longest space flight in history is held by Russian cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov. In 1995 he completed a 438-day stay aboard the Mir space station.

It's commonly believed that Eskimos have 50 or more words for different types of snow but no word for just plain snow. In point of fact, that statement is misleading, as the Eskimo language is composed largely of roots and suffixes that can be combined in virtually unlimited ways.

A traditional groom in Norway wears short pants, knee socks, and a silk shirt along with a vest and topcoat.

Everyone knows that China is the most populous country on Earth today, with nearly 20 percent of the world's population. But you might not realize that there are now more people living in China than lived on the entire planet 150 years ago.

A recent item in this column stated that Henry Heimlich believed peanut butter to be the food upon which people most commonly choke. As it turns out, that quotation did not come from Dr. Heimlich. Don't be mistaken, though -- according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, peanut butter is a high-risk food.

The IRS reportedly spends \$2.45 for every \$100 in taxes it collects.

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Thought for the day: "I believe in evidence. I believe in observation, measurement, and reasoning, confirmed by independent observers. I'll believe anything, no matter how wild and ridiculous, if there is evidence for it. The wilder and more ridiculous something is, however, the firmer and more solid the evidence will have to be." - Isaac Asimov



## YOUR SPACE

This scene at Watkins Glen State Park in Watkins Glen, NY is just two hours from Dallas and shows a trail of stone with walls and handrails. According to photographer Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, the hike up the trail is about 1.5 miles and nearly 800 steps. At the top is a gift shop where you can catch a shuttle back down the mountain to the parking lot. Deno says during his hike of the trail, he was in awe of the massive blue/gray slate walls that rise some 100 feet on both sides of the gorge. The trail has 19 waterfalls and stone arch bridges.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers. Submitted items may include photographs or short stories and should be sent via e-mail to news@mydallaspost.com, by fax to 675-3650 or by mail to The Dallas Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

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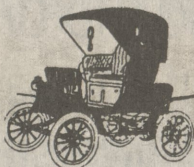
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The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Cleanup is continuing at Harvey's Lake after an underground storage tank leaked oil into the ground and onto the lake last week.

The Department of Environmental Resources found the leak after receiving a call that there was a film on the lake, according to DER spokesman Marc Carman. DER found that a tank containing fuel oil had leaked an undetermined amount of heating oil.



### ONLY YESTERDAY

The tank, owned by Harvey's Lake Borough, was ripped out of the ground and the borough began cleanup efforts last Wednesday.

Glenn Y. Forney, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Penn Bank, has announced the appointment of three prominent Dallas residents to the bank's Dallas Region Board. Named were: Drew E. Fitch, Sr., Sue Hand and Dr. C. Warren Koehl, Jr.

### 30 YEARS AGO

The employees of the Pennsylvania staff recently held a Farewell Luncheon, at the Irem Temple Country Club, for Ray Carlsen, former publisher and his wife, Blaze Carlsen. Employees attending were: Ruth Holthaus, Bea LaBar, Olga Kostrabala, Kay Whitehead, Virginia Hoover, Betty Meeker, Jane Opalicki, Estel Parker, Charlot Denmon, Peggy Poynton, By Phillips, Jim Smith, Martin Reddington, Su-

san Duncan, Jan Jones and Debbie Zurinski.

Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, has announced the transfer of Reverend Stephen D. McGough from Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, to assistant pastor, Church of St. Patrick in Scranton.

Succeeding Rev. McGough at Gate of Heaven Parish will be Rev. William P. Langon who has been serving at St. Peter's Cathedral Parish in Scranton.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Andrew F. Gallagher, RD 1, Dallas, with a Brown Swiss Junior Yearling, was the top winner from Luzerne County at the 24th Northeastern Pennsylvania District Dairy Show at NEBA grounds in Tunkhannock.

The Dallas Dodgers captured the 1970 Minor League championship by defeating the Westmoreland Braves, 11-10. The game climaxed a five year period of 14 wins and two losses. Members of the championship team: Walter Hennebaul, manager; Earl Lozier, coach; Walter Hennebaul, Jr., John Prater, Eric Tappa, Randy Jacobs, Scott Carter, Bill Wentz, Greg Gentile, Bob Whalen, John Davis, Ray Kern, Jim Rosser, Jay Troup and Sean Muldoon.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Joe Sekera and John Spencer, both of Dallas, are entered in the 15th annual Bill Waite Memorial Golf Tournament at Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-On-Delaware. More than 175 golfers are scheduled to play in the event, which is sponsored by music maestro Fred Waring, Shawnee Inn own-

er.

A combination barbeque and bowling meeting was held Thursday night at the home of Lila Lozo to make plans for the second season of Imperiaettes League. Those who attended the meeting and enjoyed the outdoor barbeque were: Eleanor McShea, Connie Wallo, Gloria Charnitski, Allice Miller, Lillian Trudnak, Mary Ann Considine, Doris Amos, Janice Blight, Kate Gansel, Margaret Milne, Bea Carr, Diane Myers, Gloria Grant, Marie Sebolka, Rose Novroski, Jean Pieczynski, Edis Shaffer, Lila Lozo, Tooties Denman, Bonnie Adams, Jean Agnew, Eleanor Hardisky, Della Belles, Caroline Purvin, Evelyn Kamont and Becky Casterline.

Coon Honeywell's arm, deeply gashed by broken glass August 9 while he was fighting a blaze at the Klimkowski house-trailer at Demunds Corners, is healing nicely. Kunkle firemen took the injured man to the Noxen Clinic where he was immediately referred to General Hospital for suturing.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Four prominent young people had a narrow escape from serious injury Sunday night at 8:30 when their Chevrolet sedan was crowded off the highway and went over an embankment at the seventeenth green at Irem Temple Country Club.

Shaken up were John and Alice Daw and Mike and Nancy Wood all of Harvey's Lake. They were treated by Dr. W.J. Daw who was summoned from Harvey's Lake and who took them home. They received x-ray examinations at a hospital the following day.

The party was driving toward the Country Club from the West Dallas entrance when they were crowded off the state maintained road by another machine which failed to stop. The right rear wheel left the highway but Wood, who was driving, was able to keep the front wheels on the road for a distance of thirty feet. Then the machine went down over thirty foot drop striking a tree which clipped the right top side and continued fourteen to sixteen feet before the front end hit a pine tree at the edge of the seventeenth green which prevented the car from toppling over.

### 70 YEARS AGO

An ordinance prohibiting the erection of billboards within the town's limits was adopted by Dallas Borough Council at its meeting on Tuesday night. The new legislation, proposed by Councilman Joseph MacVeigh and seconded by Councilman James Ayre, was designed primarily to protect the appearance of the new spur highway in town. It was understood that it will not affect billboards already standing within the borough limits.

For the first time in 20 years, Harvey's Lake has passed a summer without a drowning. Since 1920 the Lake has claimed an average of three lives a year, Chief of Police Ira C. Stevenson reported yesterday. The resort's season ended on Labor Day.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 121 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

## "HOW WILL YOU SPEND LABOR DAY?"



"A family cook-out for 20 or 30 at my parents' house."

Kristen Roppett  
Shavertown



"Usually have a family picnic with 20 or 30 people here."

Ray Wandel  
Harveys Lake



"Oh, probably do the same thing we do every other day; it's not anything special."

C. Don Kocher  
Harveys Lake



"Usually we have a cookout with my two sons and children or with friends."

Barbara Carbotin  
Lehman



"Usually have a picnic where all the family members get together."

Berdene Perillo  
Hunlock Creek



"We have a cookout with my grandparents, Reese and Sybil Pelton."

Katelin Pelton  
Hunlock Creek