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Penguins are coming to the Back Mountain Library

It's time to get your hockey sticks and t-shirts ready for autographs as the Back Mountain Memorial Library is ready to host "An Evening with the Penguins."

The return of this popular annual program will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Scott Stuccio, two players, Tux and Scottie Saver (the mascot for the Robo's Readers program) will all visit the library for an evening of reading fun!

There will be stories, player questions and answers, prizes and lots of time for autographs. Advanced registration is necessary due to space limitations.

Please call the library at 675-1182 to reserve your spot.

Friendly's Fun Night

Another fun way to treat your family will be to attend the "Friendly's Fun Night" sponsored by the Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. This event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas. A percentage of the total sales

taken in during that time, including eat-in, take-out and gift certificates, will be donated to the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Look for the library display at the front of the restaurant and register to win a Friendly's Gift Card as our thanks for your attendance and support.

Book shops closed

Reminder: The Slightly Read Bookshop and the Paperback Room will re-open on November 3 after their hiatus due to the Haunted Library. The shelves have been stocked and many bargains have been "hiding" from the recent ghost and goblin residents!

The Bookshop's usual schedule is as follows: 1 to 7 p.m. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Closed on Thanksgiving

The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and re-open on Friday, Nov. 26.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Nov. 12, 1799, Andrew Ellicott Douglass, an early American astronomer born in Vermont, witnesses the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. Douglass' journal entry is the first known record of a meteor shower in North America.
- On Nov. 11, 1885, George Smith Patton, one of the great American generals of World War II, is born in San Gabriel, Calif. Patton was one of the most controversial of the U.S. commanders, known to make eccentric claims that he was a direct descendant of great military leaders of the past through reincarnation.
- On Nov. 8, 1895, physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen becomes the first person to observe X-rays. Rontgen's discovery occurred accidentally in his Würzburg, Germany, lab, where he was testing whether cathode rays could pass through glass.
- On Nov. 10, 1932, Roy Scheider, the actor best known for his role as the police chief of a beach community terrorized by a killer shark in the 1975 movie "Jaws," is born in Orange, N.J. "Jaws," directed by Steven Spielberg, became the first movie in history to gross more than \$100 million.
- On Nov. 13, 1974, 28-year-old Karen Silkwood, a technician at a plutonium plant operated by the Kerr-McGee Corporation, is killed in a suspicious car accident near Crescent, Okla. She was on her way to a meeting with a reporter for The New York Times, reportedly with a folder full of documents that proved that Kerr-McGee was acting negligently when it came to worker safety at the plant.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American author, producer, screenwriter and director Michael Crichton who made the following sage observation: "Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had."
- Statistics show that more babies are born in September than in any other month of the year.
- Talk about bad luck: In May of 2009, two thieves broke into a jewelry store in Milwaukee, bagged up their loot and tried to make their getaway. On the way out of the looted store, they were confronted by two more thieves, who took the ill-gotten gains. No one ended up profiting from the crime, however; all four were arrested.
- According to an estimate by the United Nations, there are more than three million shipwrecks on the ocean floor.
- If you're not the sort of person who makes the bed every day, here's some good news for you: Researchers in the United Kingdom have found that unmade beds are less likely to harbor dust mites, a common cause of asthma and allergic symptoms.



YOUR SPACE

Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, thinks this couple has found the perfect spot to fish and enjoy the view upstream on the lake at Frances Slocum State Park.

"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. 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-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

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

20 YEARS AGO

Bethanne Wagner, a seventh grade student at Dallas Middle School, successfully completed the Mathematics and Computing Summer Program for Mathematically Talented School Students on the campus of Penn State University, University Park, Pa. Bethanne was recommended by Mrs. Janice Borton,



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her math teacher, for the computer camp because of her consistent high achievement and performance in math. She was one of 30 students selected from a list of 400 applicants.

Gate of Heaven Kindergarten recently visited the Dallas Fire Co. and received Fire Safety booklets and safety stickers for the bedroom windows. Class members are: Mary Kuniskas, Jonathan Franconi, Brett Considine, Janna Schmid, John Gdovin, Megan Kozich, Sheree Senausky, Amanda Meholchick, Meghan Reino, Stacie Amico, Paul Mentis, Adam Onzik, Frank Ragukonis, Matthew Soniak, Daniel Ungvarsky, Thomas Mulhern, Ashley Pilger, Alison Taro-li, Sharleen Casey, Caitlin Ward, Nicholas Grieves, Stephanie Gionta, Amanda Coleman, James Chupka and Jonathan Barbose.

30 YEARS AGO

Back Mountain Jay-Cettes highlighted their Freedom Week for release of the American hostages with the planting of a tree on the island near Franklin's Restaurant, Dallas. Sen. Frank O'Connell turned over the first dirt for the planting of the tree which was decorated with yellow ribbons honoring the hostages. Other participants included Barbara Regan, Debbie Natus, Sharon McDermott, Karen Tupper, Carolyn Bulford, Glenda Pomrinke, Craig Tupper, Will Morgan and Rich Burkhardt.

Two Dallas High School students placed first in the recent auditions for District Chorus which will be held in February at Honesdale High School. The first place winners were Wendy Baird, Alto I, and Tammy Boudreaux, Alto II. Other members of the school who qualified for the chorus are: Robin Faut, Jerry Ross, Matt Hoidra, Greg McTague, Nancy Evans, Cindy Millington, Amy Faut, Hugh Gallagher, Harry Davenport, Andy St. Claire, Mike Schwartz and David Curtis.

40 YEARS AGO

Sirens wailed and horns blared: it was Halloween Parade time again in Dallas. On Sunday afternoon, crowds lined Lake Street and Center Hill Road to catch glimpses of trick 'n treatin' witches, goblins and ghosts — along with such other peculiarly costumed kiddies as Sesame Street's Big Bird, a litterbug, a many-spotted leopard, and a lovely bride or two. More than 400 youngsters participated in this year's parade, which is sponsored

annually by the Dallas Kiwanis Club.

Brownie Troop 641, Lehman, have been making ceramics at the home of Mrs. William Hersh, Dallas. Pat Steele arranged for the lessons and Ruth Donsavage and Eileen Batka assisted. Troop members include Libby Bryant, Tammy Fox, Pamela Laity, Cynthia Titus, Soraya Amanullah, Karen Batka, Diane Brubaker, Beth Donsavage, Sandy McCarroll, Judy Reese, Kippie Steele, Esther Watson and Betty Watson.

50 YEARS AGO

At the monthly Cub Pack 281 meeting at Dallas Methodist Church, Cubmaster William J. Maury awarded to the following: Wolf Awards — David Dobson, Tommy Bottoms, Drew Bittenbender; Bear Awards — Chucky Garris, Robert Katyl, Robert Hale; Lion Awards — James Smith, Eric Mayer, Allen Brown.

A costume Halloween party was held Friday night by Senior High MYF of Truckville Methodist Church. Prizes were awarded to Linda Wolfe, funniest costume; Mary Bennett, most original; Mrs. Edward Johnson, prettiest. A special prize was awarded to Linda Renville and Vernallee Pritchard.

60 YEARS AGO

Jean Allen and June Bennett as the Toni Twins received prizes at the Halloween party sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of Truckville Methodist Church Friday night. Other prize winners: Jack Thornton, an ape; Charles Perkins and Emma Anderson, best dressed couple; Tillie Shannon, prettiest old lady; and Bun Bush, funniest old lady.

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Girl Scout Troop 149 held a Halloween party in the Dallas Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon. Prizes were won by Barbara Cheney, prettiest; Helen Llewellyn, funniest; Carol Ann Thomas, most original. Judges were Charlyn Reinfurt, Susan Wileman and Nancy Fitch, Troop 54.

70 YEARS AGO

The first concrete was poured on the spur highway into Dallas on Wednesday afternoon, assurance that the middle link in the new \$750,000 boulevard will be paved before cold weather sets in.

Generally speaking, mothers are better spellers than fathers, if you can judge by the results of the bee at the meeting of Dallas Parent-Teacher Association last Monday night. During the first 10-minute tilt, the fathers held their own, matching the mothers' 53 successfully-spelled words. But in the second period the men only spelled 45 correctly whereas the mothers spelled 57. After that, it was every man for himself, and one by one the fathers went down in embarrassment, until Mrs. T.A. William-mee spelled "prodigious" to win the bee.

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.

"WHAT DO YOU GIVE TO TRICK OR TREATERS WHO COME TO YOUR HOUSE?"



"Candied apples and information on local churches in the area."

Jane Pykus
Montrose



"We give them chocolates and bags of popcorn from Sam's Club."

Kristen Andrews
Dallas



"I give them all the things I like - Snickers, M&Ms, Mars bars so that I don't eat them myself."

Karen Fiorello
Dallas



"Candy, chocolates, candy corn and Sweet Tarts."

Bill Jacobs
Dallas



"Regular candy, Twix, Snickers bars."

Russ Banta
Truckville



"Usually, candy and lots of it. We make up the bags ourselves."

Sheryl Kollar
Truckville