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Library heading into busiest time of year

The busiest season of the year will soon be here and the Back Mountain Memorial Library is sure to be hustling and bustling along with the rest of us as we prepare for the holidays.

With that in mind... if you placed an order for fruit or cheesecakes with the Friends of the Library during their Citrus Sale, you may pick up your orders from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 or from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Calling all teens

Area teens have always been an important part of library activities throughout the year, both helping with the annual auction and, most recently, the Haunted Library. We are once again inviting those creative teens to join us in decorating the library for the holidays.

Groups of teens from area organizations, as well as just individuals or groups of friends, are all needed to assist in decorating the library's holiday tree, windows and foyer.

Anyone age 14 and up is asked to call the library at 675-1182 to sign up. (Parents: Be sure to stop in and visit when the decorating is complete and compliment our

"decorators"!)

Open House

Mark your calendars, for the library's Annual Holiday Open House which will be held on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15 and 16.

Punch, cookies and holiday music will all be waiting for patrons to stop in and maybe even find a book to relax with at home.

Holiday Storytelling

New this year during our Open House will be a special treat of "Family Holiday Storytelling" at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Area storyteller Richard McIntyre will enchant old and young alike with holiday stories, such as "Their First Meeting," "The Juggler of Notre Dame" and a World War II story set in Stroudsburg, entitled "When the Wiseman Appeared."

Amnesty Week

Another annual event that library patrons anticipate is our Amnesty Week, which this year will be held from December 6 through 11. Any fines incurred for overdue library materials returned during this week will be waived.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was comedian-turned-U.S. Senator Al Franken who made the following sage observation: "Mistakes are a part of being human. Appreciate your mistakes for what they are: precious life lessons that can only be learned the hard way. Unless it's a fatal mistake, which, at least, others can learn from."

Those who study such things say that 1 percent of the world's lizard species have no males. The females reproduce by parthenogenesis, which produces offspring that are clones of their mothers.

Amazon's Kindle, Barnes and Noble's Nook, Sony's eReader - it seems that everywhere you look these days people are reading onscreen. You may not realize, however, just how long digital books have been around. The first e-book was manually typed into a computer way back in 1971, when Michael S. Hart, the founder of Project Gutenberg, chose the Declaration of Independence to be the first literature so digitized.

A woman in Tennessee was once arrested for biking while intoxicated - and she was on a stationary bike at the gym at the time.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, if you're like the average American, you drink 22.7 gallons of coffee every year. The surprising thing about that statistic isn't how much it is, though -- it's how little. It seems that in the 1940s, Americans were drinking twice that amount of java.

If you look at the innards of a Boeing 747 airplane, you'll find a whopping 171 miles of wiring.

If you consider surface area covered rather than population, the world's largest city is in Inner Mongolia, where Hulunbuir covers more than 160,000 square miles.

Thought for the day: "Human beings are perhaps never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right." - Laurens Van der Post



YOUR SPACE

Looks like it's break time at the M&M/Mars plant in Hackettstown, N.J. Bob Stiff, of Chase Road in Shavertown, took this photo.

"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

The Couples Club of Dallas United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Craft Show and Sale at the church, 4 Parsonage Street, Dallas on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A snack bar will be provided and a bake sale will be sponsored by the church. Santa will make a special visit to the show at noon.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The following craftspeople will have displays at the show: Laura and Bartt Slocum, Rev. Mike and Bonnie Bealla, Elsie Rauch, Byron and Jannette Grieves, Louise James, Betty Lee Frisbie, Debbie Ent, Dolores Serbelli, Marion Chukonis, Diane Kerestes and Sheila McAllister, Debbie Musto, Susan Barry, Peggy Dukinas, Sylvia Smith, Lisa Owens, Jeanne Davis, Donna Mishanski and Lynn Kelly.

The Dallas Middle School Sixth Grade Band recently elected band officers for the school year.

The officers are: Joe Sallitt, president; Aaron Getz, vice president; Melanie Getz, treasurer; and Mary Ann Selenki, secretary.

30 YEARS AGO

The Dallas High School football team held its annual banquet at the Master Host. At the banquet Norman Bordley, who gained 1,008 yards during his sophomore and junior years, was honored as the Mountaineers' top

offensive player. Ray Durkin was honored as the team's top defensive player.

Seniors who received jackets include: Ron Kelley, Ron Ritts, Ray Durkin, Randy Dunbar, Gregg Sorber, Dave Konopki, Dave Oster, Jim Gemberling, Nick Zapoticky, Don Godleski and Dave Williams.

A Dallas resident won first place in Kellogg's National Stick Up For Breakfast Contest, conducted during the past summer.

John Maniskas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maniskas, Sr., 8 Lackawanna Ave., Dallas, placed first in the 11-14 years of age category in the contest which drew more than 10 million entries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Maniskas selected a Schwinn 10-speed bike which he received this month.

40 YEARS AGO

New members of the Dallas Senior Women's Club were introduced at a recent anniversary.

They are: Mrs. Jackson Willison, Mrs. John Kauffman, Mrs. William Arnold, Mrs. Marvin Carkhuff, Mrs. Robert Graham and Mrs. Errol Stewart.

Two girls from the Back Mountain area rode to championships at the State 4H Horse and Pony Show in Harrisburg last week.

Susan Heller won first place in the Junior Division of Stock Seat Equitation, and Debbie Mekeel placed first in the Working Hunter Pony Class.

50 YEARS AGO

Westmoreland football squad was given the Rotary trophy, "The Old Shoe" at the Dallas Rotary Football Banquet given annually for the winner of the Lehman-Westmoreland game Thursday night at Irem Country Club.

Chairman Jack Landis made the presentation to captains Ross Steinhauer and Harley Misson.

Sarah Reese Ferguson will present a group of piano pupils in a recital Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock, in Dallas Methodist Church.

Taking part will be Charles Baker, Diane Reese, Clifton Dungey, Ruth Lawry, Debbie Allen, Beverly Whiting, James Jay Borton, Mark Scott Davies, Linda McCarty, Beth Ann McCarty, Miriam E. Mohr, James Hugh Williams, Diane Recicar, Virginia Elizabeth Recicar, Catherine Jean Reese, John O'Malia Jr., Sandra Jane Taite, Donna Bell Priebe, Pamela S. Baker, Margaret Ann Reese, William Baker III, and Georgia McCutcheon.

60 YEARS AGO

The manager of a restaurant out in the Pennsylvania Canyon district near Wellsboro missed out on potential luncheon guests last week during bear season when he came into his place of business with an opossum slung over his shoulder, ratty tail hanging down in front of his vest.

Al Bauman and his hunting party gulped and left the premises. They could just see the item, "Possum-tail soup" on the next day's menu.

At local Acme markets, "Frosted" turkeys sold for 59 cents a pound; fresh turkeys sold for 47 cents a pound; celery was 19 cents a bunch; Florida oranges were 29 cents a dozen; a 5 ounce bag of Wise potato chips was 25 cents; and fancy lobster tails were 99 cents a pound.

70 YEARS AGO

A rifle that jammed after his first shot had knocked down a bear on the opening day of the season at Mountain Springs, probably cheated Bob Hislop, proprietor of Dallas Inn, out of many good bear steak dinners.

Bob's companions, Reese Finn and Harold Blewitt, both got shots at the bear but apparently without telling effect.

The wounded animal escaped through the underbrush and although the hunters followed his bloody trail for about five miles they were unable to see him again.

"Cash in advance" is a good motto for local residents to follow when they open their homes to strangers seeking furnished rooms or meals.

In the past week at least two householders have been fleeced out of "Christmas money" when their boarders took French leave.

One stranger left with a debt of \$55 for furnished rooms and another without paying a \$10 bill for meals.

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 DO YOU COPE WITH SHORTER DAYS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR?"



"I have a son who lives with me and we talk after work. I read and crochet afghans."

Millie Wheeler
Dallas



"I keep active through my kids' sports, basketball and Scout activities."

Lauren Hodle
Dallas



"Keep busy with the kids' homework and running to their basketball practices."

Cathy Luksic
Shavertown



"The outside, it doesn't much matter to me. I watch TV."

Helen Apanovich
Dallas



"I like to be outside but I just deal with it."

Bob Kugler
Shavertown



"It doesn't matter to me. I like all the seasons and change is the spice of life."

Joe Kester
Shavertown