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## New books added to BMT library shelves

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for the month of February 2011:

### EXPRESS

"Fatal Error" by J.A. Jance, "Wicked Lies" by Lisa Jackson

### FICTION

"Fatal Error" by J.A. Jance, "Wicked Lies" by Lisa Jackson

### MYSTERY

"Threats at Three" by Ann Purser

### STORY COLLECTION

"Give Me Your Heart" by

Joyce Carol Oates

### REFERENCE

"Magill's Medical Guide"

### BOOKS ON CD

"Secrets to the Grave" by Tami Hoag, "Port Mortuary" by Patricia Cornwell, "Dead or Alive" by Tom Clancy, "Rescue" by Anita Shreve, "The Inner Circle" by Brad Meltzer, "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand, "An Object of Beauty" by Steve Martin

### SPECIAL DONATIONS

"I Already Knew I Loved You" by Angela DeMuro, donated by the author



## YOUR SPACE

Bob and Pat Lorah, of Carverton Road in Trucksville, caught a nice view of the sun setting from their front porch when it was snowing in early January.

"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 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 order in which they are received.

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

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was Irish author Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating: people who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing."

• The sun is one million times the size of the earth.  
• Coffee was first discovered around 1000 A.D. by Arabs. At the time, it was used strictly for medicinal or religious purposes.

• Harper Lee's iconic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" celebrated the 50th anniversary of its publication last year. The film will celebrate its anniversary next year, marking 50 years since Gregory Peck portrayed Atticus Finch, whom the American Film Institute named the greatest movie hero of the 20th century. Harper Lee was so impressed with Gregory Peck's performance, in fact, that she gave the actor her deceased father's pocket watch. Peck, however, lost it.

• Before the roller coaster was invented, some inspired entrepreneur began building deliberately undulating tracks for cars. Early thrill-seekers would pay a fee to drive on them.

• Those who calculate such things say that the odds of the same number coming out on top in eight successive rolls of a six-sided die are 1 in 1,679,616.

• Fifth-century conqueror Attila the Hun died on his wedding night, though it's unclear from the records whether he died from internal bleeding caused by too much drinking or was murdered by his bride.

• If you're like 24 percent of women in the United States, you shave every day.

• In 1978, the endangered Hawaiian bird the palila was named as the plaintiff in a lawsuit. In Palila v. Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, the bird won.

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Thought for the day: "The saying 'Getting there is half the fun' became obsolete with the advent of commercial airlines." - Henry J. Tillman

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

• On Feb. 25, 1873, Enrico Caruso, the greatest tenor who ever lived, is born. After making New York's Metropolitan Opera his home base in 1904, Caruso recorded scores of arias of three- and four-minute in length - the longest duration that could fit on a 78 rpm record.

• On Feb. 26, 1919, more than 800,000 acres of the Grand Canyon is established as a national park. The Grand Canyon is the product of millions of years of excavation by the mighty Colorado River. The chasm is exceptionally deep - dropping more than a mile into the earth - and is 15 miles across at its widest point.

• On Feb. 21, 1927, humorist Erma Bombeck is born in Dayton, Ohio. Her first book, "At Wit's End" (1967), comprised a collection of her columns. Among her many other popular books were "The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank" (1976) and "If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?" (1978).

## 20 YEARS AGO

Kirby Jo Richards, 7-year-old daughter of Hugh and Linda Richards, was the first place winner in the eight and under Junior Olympic figure skating division at the 1991 Mid-winter Invitational Rollerskating Competition at Shillington, Pa.

Members of the Junior Class of Dallas High School volunteered their time during the Christmas vacation to work at St. Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. Their participation in this service project helped fulfill their responsibilities as Junior Steering Committee Representatives. Participants included Amy Shelley, Marcia Garcia, Joe Hudak, Kelly Cleary, Keith

McDonald, Sue Richardson, Kim Francis, Nicole Argentati, Megan Moran Tami Landon and Jessica Wallace.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Kim Yanchick of Gate of Heaven Gorettes varsity basketball team set a new school scoring mark when she poured in 26 points against Wyoming Seminary in a 44-33 win at the local gym. Kim entered the game needing only nine points for 300 career points in two years of play.

About 170 parents, friends and cub scouts attended the annual Blue and Gold dinner of Cub Pack 336, Boy Scouts, affiliated with Centermoreland Methodist Church, at the Orange Fire Hall Saturday evening. Highlight of the dinner was the presentation of pins and other awards to cub

scouts by Russell Dymond, cubmaster. Scouts receiving pins and/or awards are: Jeff Deutsch, Mark Keyes, Jimmy McDermott, Richard Davis, Charles Dulsky, Bill Montross, Mark Ondish, Frank Schoonover, Michael faux, Martin Rafferty, Jason Bevan, Michael Appalusky, Tony Dannora, Joseph Rae, Scott Falzone, Jonathan Logue, Kevin Ball, Edward Murack, Benjamin Lawrence, Robert Rorick, Darren Dixon, Steve Shirtz, Thomas Bachman, Doug Deutsch, Craig Keyes, Brian Fortney, Scott McDermott, Ryan Shaver, Brian VanBuskirk and Randy Spencer.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Six pledges of eyes obtained by members of the Dallas Lions Club won the "Eye Bank Pledge Award" for the Back Mountain Club recently. Long a Lions club project, the eye bank seeks donors who pledge their eyes for use after their death in corneal transplants and medical research.

The Lake-Lehman gymnasium looked like a "rodeo" Friday night or maybe, a one-ring circus? The Lake-Lehman faculty pitted their wits against those of the Lake-Lehman lettermen in "America's craziest and most unpredictable sport," donkey basketball. And for the "zillionth" time, the faculty won, 28-22! The donkeys were stubborn but the teachers were determined, and the lettermen just couldn't make it.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Debbie, Mrs. Fred Nicely's low-slung beagle who disappeared Friday at noon just before the big snowstorm, turned up Wednesday morning at Gosart's Store, famished, ribs plainly vis-

ible, her paws scraped from miles of travel. Mrs. Gosart inspected her license tag, phoned the Court House and then Mrs. Nicely, who has been searching all weekend with lessening hope, was reunited with the wanderer. Four inches of snow stops so small a model of beagle. Debbie had apparently followed ploughed roads when unable to scent out her own home at the end of Machell Avenue, near Huntsville Reservoir, and spent the frigid nights under harboring porches or in barns.

Dallas Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a card party and fashion show at St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, March 14. Mrs. Leo L. Luckasavage is general chairman, assisted by: Mrs. Ned Hartman, Mrs. Walter Kozemchak, Mrs. Eugene Lavelle, Mrs. E. Edward Johnson, Mrs. Mark Grimm, Mrs. Tomas Hillier, Mrs. Paul Hiller, Mrs. Harold Brobst and Mrs. Joseph Borton.

## 60 YEARS AGO

Co-chairmen for Back Mountain Red Cross Blood Drive are Mrs. Thomas Robinson, West Dallas, and Mrs. H.W. Smith, Lake Street. The quota is \$2,600. Captains for areas are: Dallas Borough, Mrs. Dan Robinhold, Mrs. Harris Haycox; Dallas Township, Mrs. John Blackman, Mrs. Ralph Dixon; Lake Township, Mrs. Ben Banks, Mrs. William Deets; Jackson Township, Mrs. Earl Balliet, Mrs. Hayden Phillips; Shavertown, Mrs. Gordon Edwards, Mrs. Luther Powell; Franklin Township, Mrs. Harold Brace; Trucksville, Mrs. H.C. Wiener, Jr., Mrs. Dewitt Smith; Lehman Township, Mrs. Charles Nuss, Mrs. Orman Lamb.

United in their determination

to give the students of their districts a better education at as low a cost as possible, directors of Kingston Township and Dallas Borough School Boards met Monday night at Kingston Township High School and signed articles of agreement that will provide a joint school district after July 1. Elected president of the Joint Board was Harry L. Ohlman, Dallas. Other officers are: Robert Currie, Kingston Township, vice president; Mrs. Eleanor Jones, secretary.

## 70 YEARS AGO

"Let Us Take Council," a delightful farce poking good natured fun at the borough council and other town officials, will be presented by Henry M. Laing Fire Company in the Dallas Borough High School on the next Thursday and Friday. The play which might bear the label "Made in Dallas" was written by Fred M. Kiefer, is being directed by Mrs. Harold Rood and has an entire cast of local characters. John Heffernan collaborated with Fred, contributing lyrics to the script.

Mrs. Jack Jones and Mrs. Morgan Rowlands entertained the members of the King's Daughters Class of Shavertown Methodist Sunday School, at a patriotic party at the home of Mrs. John Courtright, Orchard Street, Shavertown, Monday evening. Mrs. Mary Sowden presided and Mr. Curtis Carr conducted devotions. Mrs. Earl Lamoreaux read "The Life of Lincoln."

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

## "WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VALENTINE DAY MEMORY?"



"My grandmother decorated the Christmas tree for Valentine's Day and I got presents, too."

Halley Povisil  
Shavertown



"We celebrate my sister's birthday the day before. She's Marguerite Ide Colbeigh and she's 91!"

Janice Ide Russell  
Dallas



"I remember exchanging wintergreen heart-shaped candies with writing on them at Plains High School."

Ned Podehl  
Dallas



"I wait every year for my kids to give me cards and money - they better."

Ginger Spencer  
Dallas



"One Valentine's Day, my husband, a truck driver, was caught on the I-80 and I-81 split for 10 hours."

Melanie Parks  
Dallas



"Sitting on a beach in England after 32 years as a bachelor, wondering if I would ever get married."

Clarence Michael  
Dallas