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Remember the library in your holiday giving

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors and staff would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with health and happiness. We also extend our appreciation for the many ways in which the residents of the Back Mountain have helped the library...either by volunteering, contributing or stopping in to visit. You truly are the reason why the Back Mountain Memorial Library is so memorable!

We also pledge in the New Year 2012 to continue improving our services to you and with that in mind, the library is hoping for the following few things (just in case you get a chance to whisper in Santa's ear...)

Our story hour volunteers are wishing for craft items (glue sticks, markers, fingerpaints, etc. (Call the Children's Librarian for info)

Flat screen TV
Archival storage boxes (for newspapers/historical documents)

Experienced carpenter to make minor repairs throughout the library

Enclosed sign board for front library

Microphone stand
Small folding tables (card table size)
Monetary donations to build a mezzanine
Elevator lift

Local book written

Local residents and patrons

may be interested to know that one of their neighbors, Stephanie Hamel, PhD, has written and published a very timely book. Her publication, "Gas Drilling and the Fracking of a Marriage" is a poetic, heartfelt and honest memoir that will strike a vein for anyone who has played weekend farmer or agonized over their role as steward to the earth's resources.

Stephanie admits that she may not have the answers, but she poses the right questions. She decided to write her book after receiving an offer to lease the farmland of her idyllic childhood summers for natural gas exploration or "fracking."

Stephanie's subsequent strong convictions, Master's degree in Chemistry and background as an environmental chemist were the catalysts behind this successful manuscript, which will soon be available to borrow at the library.

Storytimes

A reminder to parents that registration for the Winter/Spring Storytimes for 2012 will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 26 to celebrate Christmas and will also be closed on Saturday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 to celebrate New Year's Day. The Slightly Read Bookshop will be closed for the holidays on December 24 through January 3.



YOUR SPACE

Pat Giordano says she knows that fall has arrived at Harveys Lake when she can take in the spectacular sight of nature's sunset right outside her door.

"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 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 - 1991

The Back Mountain Citizens Council recently elected new officers and welcomed new members. New members are Charles Wasserott IV, Robert Besecker, Dean Cassidy and John and Mary Reddy. Newly elected officers are William Conyngham, president;

Ray Boyle, vice president; Ben Phillips, secretary; and Tom Winter, treasurer.

Recently Dallas Middle School eighth-grade health students, under the direction of Ms. Robyn Jones, participated in a poster contest. The theme of the contest was to show the negative results of taking drugs and smoking on the development of a baby. The winning posters were constructed by Shannon Newell, Dean and Ryan Dauksis.

30 YEARS AGO - 1981

The second annual Dallas High School Football Banquet and Awards Night was held Monday evening at Irem Temple Country Club with about 200 in attendance. Frank Rollman, president of the gridiron club, presented jackets to senior members of the team. They were: Lou Baines, Norman Bordley, Joe Clemson, Edison Culver, Jim Daubert, Jeff Getz, Kurt Goeringer, Ben Gorey, John and Mike Kern, Pat Kern, Clarke Lewis, Andy Manuskay, Fred Mihal, Vince Scalisi, Paul

Walsh and Ed Yakobovicz.

40 YEARS AGO - 1971

Juniors and seniors of Dallas School District got a first-hand account recently of college life from college students. The "Information day" was sponsored by Dallas Key Club and featured recent graduates of the school, now attending colleges, who spoke about their experiences. College students participating were: Sandy Barakat, Scott Lefko, Sharon Baran, Gwen Kloebner, Ray Goeringer, Joanne Gensel, Barbara Connolly, Tony Fannick, Dave Kulick, Harry Swepston, Ernie Gelb, Clark Switzer, John Fleming, Bob Griffiths, Glenda Larson, James Pichert, Chuck LaBerge and John Hopkins.

50 YEARS AGO - 1961

Trucksville Cub Pack 155 held its Christmas party at Trucksville Fire Hall and enjoyed an evening of carol singing and gift giving. Awards were presented to Allen Schilling, John Martin, Edward Rutkin, Jeffrey Banks, John Welker, Marty Straub, George Messersmith and David Cutten.

Rosann Strickland and Susan Pattison entertained Friday evening at a pre-Christmas record party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strickland, Dallas. Dancing and refreshments rounded out the evening. Attending were: Sally Pritchard, Susan Carey, Sally Lancio, Cynthia Powell, Peggy Bayliss, Damon Young, John Layou, Ed Rome, Bob Parry, Bob Walsh, Andy Smith and Nick Perrella.

60 YEARS AGO - 1951

Committee women met with Senior Girl Scouts in the Library Annex Monday night for investiture of four newly admitted Senior Girl Scouts, at an impressive candlelight ceremony. Invested by the president, Lorraine Owens, were Jeanne Franklin, Jane Owens, Yvonne Schlitter, and Rosalind Kiper.

About 65 members and friends of Dallas Rotary Club enjoyed a formal dinner dance at the Irem Country Club last Thursday night. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Harry Smith and Mrs. James Besecker.

70 YEARS AGO - 1941

Fifty-three women attended the Christmas party of the Louella Neeley Bible Class and the W.S.C.S. of Lehman Metho-

dist Church Thursday. Committee in charge of refreshments were: Mrs. H.A. Brown, Mrs. Lewis Ide, Mrs. John Sidler and Mrs. John Nulton.

Candies and cookies are being sent to local soldier boys by the Shavertown Methodist Church School. Mrs. Howard Patton of the Church School, Mrs. Arber of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Ross Lewin of the Dallas Women's Club are co-operating in an effort to see that every local boy who is serving Uncle Sam away from home will receive a package during the holidays.

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.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Jan. 8, 1877, Crazy Horse and his warriors - outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons - fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana. On May 6, Crazy Horse led approximately 1,100 Indians to the Red Cloud reservation near Nebraska's Fort Robinson and surrendered.

• On Jan. 6, 1925, in Madison Square Garden, Finnish long-distance runner Paavo Nurmi sets a new indoor world record, running a mile in 4:13.5. In the 5,000-meter race, the "Flying Finn" broke another indoor world record in 14:44.6. Nurmi

often ran holding a stopwatch to pace himself, an innovation he developed.

• On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight Eisenhower closes the American embassy in Havana and severs diplomatic relations between the United States and Fidel Castro's government in Cuba. The action signaled that the United States was prepared to take extreme measures to oppose Castro's regime.

• On Jan. 2, 1971, 66 football (soccer) fans are killed in a stampede at a stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, as they attempt to leave a game. The tragedy was caused by the crush of spectators all leaving at the same time on the same stairway.

"WHAT WAS YOUR BEST-EVER CHRISTMAS PRESENT?"



"The 1973 GI Joe deep sea diver. He spent a lot of time with me in the tub."

Aric Gingo
Shavertown



"I saw a Chatty Cathy doll in the Sears catalogue and it was all over. I was a victim of mass marketing."

Maureen Oremus
Franklin Twp.



"Being with my family is always the best present."

Amanda Russ
Dallas



"Last year I got PS3 Playstation with three car racing games. It was the best."

Sam Kravitsky
Dallas



"When my little brother Sam was born just a few weeks before Christmas one year."

Taylor Kelley
Dallas



"A boxed set of Harry Potter books to read."

Erin Michael
Dallas