



Placemats on exhibit at Back Mtn. library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is beginning the new year with a new and different type of exhibit on the library's Art Wall - a collection of homemade holiday placemats designed and crafted by Phyllis Bullock, of Dallas.

After visiting a friend's home about 20 years ago, Bullock admired her unusual collection of placemats made by recycling Christmas, birthday and other holiday greeting cards. She immediately asked her friend to share the secret design with her and has been crafting the placemats ever since.

"The cards are too pretty to throw out," Bullock explained. Her collection of cards has now "grown" into a self-made filing system.

"I sort them according to category i.e. snowmen, church scenes, angels, teddy bears, etc.," she said. Then, she carefully cuts the cards into circular shapes ready to adhere to poster board. She has received many compliments on her placemats, but she humbly adds that "we also use them to eat off, too."

PSU-WB students will participate in competition

A four-student team from the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Business Department will travel to State College in the latter part of March to compete in the Second Annual Smeal College of Business Case Competition presented by Kohl's.

Led by instructor of business, Terry Clemente, the Penn State Wilkes-Barre "Wilkes-Bears" team will be

represented by sophomore Adam Supey, of Dallas, accounting; junior Amy Scaffell, of Dallas, business administration; sophomore Justin Seliga, of Nanticoke, accounting; and sophomore Ceili Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, business administration.

The Smeal Case Competition is an undergraduate competition that challenges stu-

dents' knowledge, problem-solving abilities and teamwork skills to solve realistic business problems in a demanding 24-hour format.

This year, 16 teams have been chosen from a pool of 40 team applications to compete at the event. Four finalists will contend for the Smeal Case Cup as well as a \$5,000 shopping spree at Kohl's.

New books make way to library shelves

The following new books have been added to the shelves at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for the month of January 2012:

EXPRESS
 "Locked On" by Tom Clancy, "77 Shadow Street" by Dean R. Koontz, "Sleepwalker" by Karen Robards, "Gun Games" by Faye Kellerman, "Private: #1 Suspect" by James Patterson, "Deadline" by Fern Michaels, "The Hunter" by John T. Lescroart, "Love in a

Nutshell" by Janet Evanovich, "A Devil is Waiting" by Jack Higgins, "Need You Now" by James Grippando, "Breakdown" by Sara Paretsky

FICTION
 "Locked On" by Tom Clancy, "77 Shadow Street" by Dean R. Koontz, "Sleepwalker" by Karen Robards, "Gun Games" by Faye Kellerman, "Private: #1 Suspect" by James Patterson, "Deadline" by Fern Michaels, "The Hunter" by John T. Lescroart, "Love in a Nutshell" by Janet Evanovich,

"A Devil is Waiting" by Jack Higgins, "Need You Now" by James Grippando, "Breakdown" by Sara Paretsky, "End of Days" by Robert Gleason, "I'd Know You Anywhere" by Laura Lippman, "Hotwire" by Alex Kava, "Girls in White Dresses" by Jennifer Close, "Envy" by Gregg Olsen, "The Trial" by Larry D. Thompson

NONFICTION
 "Gluten-Free Christmas Cookies" by Ellen Brown, "The Smoke-Free Smoke Break" by

Pavel G. Somov, "Midnight Rising" by Tony Horwitz, "Neptune's Inferno" by James D. Hornfischer, "Gas Drilling and the Fracking of a Marriage" by Stephanie C. Hamel, "Fodor's 2012 Alaska", "Fodor's 2012 England"

MYSTERY
 "Foul Play at Four" by Ann Purser, "Guns in the Gallery" by Simon Brett
BIOGRAPHY
 "Back to Work" by Bill Clinton

Library staff remembers and will miss Fred Krohle

To keep the Back Mountain Memorial Library running smoothly requires many skilled and talented people, including the board of directors, the librarian, the staff and, of course, the many volunteers who work behind the scenes whether by covering books, shelf-reading or by pitching in wherever needed.

It is with a great sense of sadness that the library staff remembers one of the best (and busiest) of its board members, Fred Krohle, who passed away recently.

Fred, as manager of the Slightly Read Bookshop, not only handled the daily operations of the Bookshop, he was also frequently found "back in

the stacks." Here, Fred would spend hours sorting and searching through hundreds of donated books to prepare for his popular "Book Tent" at the library's annual auction.

Though library staff members know that Fred is in his final resting place, they only hope he knows just how much he will be missed.

Auction plans in full swing
 Plans for the Book Tent and the other booths at the Library's Annual Auction are still moving full steam ahead. Auc-

tion planning meetings are ongoing and volunteers are currently being recruited to chair a variety of booths/areas of the auction.

Please call the library at 675-1182 if you, alone or together with one of your friends, would like to become involved.

Donations sought

Volunteers are important, but let's not forget about everyone's favorite thing at the auction.....the bargains! Donations of antiques, books and Nearly Olde items, including jewelry,

collectibles, glassware and silk flowers, along with Odds & Ends are now being accepted during normal library hours.

Holiday Shoppe open

Also, visit our Holiday Shoppe located in the front foyer of the library. You may find that some of your donated items have been beautifully arranged and displayed for sale as holiday items and also that perfect in-between unique gift. All proceeds from the Holiday Shoppe go directly to support the library.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Local band performs at coffee house

The Ekklesia Christian Club/Coffeehouse hosted by Making A Difference Ministries will feature members of the local band, "Jesse and The Gang" from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20 at the River of Life Fellowship Church gym, 22 Outlet Rd., Lehman.

There will be an open mic following the band at 9 p.m.

Admission is free and a dinner menu is available with serving starting at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Curt Strunk at 717-503-7363 or curt.strunk@asm-net.com.

Pizza sale

The Huntsville United Methodist Church is selling Sanitary Bakery Pizza. Pick up is at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22. Cost is

\$7.20 per box.

SUMC sponsors dinner on Jan. 28

The Shavertown United Methodist Church will sponsor a Soup and Sandwich Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 in the church social hall, 163 N. Pioneer Ave.

Cost is \$5 per person which will include a bowl of soup and a sandwich.

Mike Lewis will perform in concert at 7 p.m.

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