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TITANIC MEMORABILIA DISPLAYED AT LIBRARY



The sinking of the Titanic happened 100 years ago in April 1912 and is an event in history that continues to fascinate us even today. This month at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, in commemoration of this event, 10-year old Ian Atkinson will display his Titanic collection.

Ian has been collecting for three years and has put together models of the ship with help from his dad. He said his Nana bought one of the model kits while traveling in Germany and carried it "gently" across the Alps and then held it on the plane ride home.

Ian's interest in the story of the Titanic began when a friend in first grade talked to him about it. His favorite item in the collection is the Titanic book by Robert Ballard. Ian likes it best because "it has a lot of information, nice artwork and some photographs."

Ian is a fourth-grade student at Dallas Elementary School and lives in Wyoming with his parents, Duane and Karen Atkinson, his younger sister, Jessica, and their cat, Henry.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was noted American science fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away."

• The first chocolate factory in the United States was established even before the states were united. Back in 1765, two enterprising men named John Hanan and James Baker chose Dorchester, Mass., as the site for their factory, which they mechanized by using water-power.

• If you're like the average American, you eat 23 quarts of ice cream every year.

• You might be surprised to learn that the given name of iconic Apache leader Geronimo, Goyathlay, translates as "one who yawns." And the very name Apache isn't what the tribe originally called itself; it's word from the Zuni Indian language, and it means "enemy."

• In a scant 100 years, from 1500 to 1600, the population of the city of London quadrupled in size.

• Singer and songwriter Roger Miller, best known for his hit song "King of the Road," had a passion for music early, even though his family was poor. When he was in grade school, he spent his weekends picking cotton so he could save up enough money to buy a guitar. After eighth grade he quit school and went to work herding cattle and riding in rodeos.

• Interestingly, the word "pudding" came into the English language from the German word "pudde," which means "sausage."

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Thought for the day: "We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." - John F. Kennedy



YOUR SPACE

Jill Spencer, of Lehman, shot this photo of an old barn on a snowy afternoon during a trip through Central, near Rickett's Glen State Park.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

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should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

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20 YEARS AGO - 1992

The Back Mountain brought home eight champions from the District 2 Class AA wrestling tournament held recently at King's College. They are: Rick Finnegan, 103 lb. champ; Mike Stuart, 112 pd. Champ; Jason



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McDade, 125 lb. champ; Charlie Roper, 130 lb. champ; Frank Natus, 135 lb. champ;

Charlie Jacoby, 140 lb. champ;

Justin Goodwin, 145 lb. champ;

and Mike Guerin, 171 lb. champ.

Tom Williams and Phil Lipski, co-coaches of Lake-Lehman Wrestling, were named Coaches of the Year at the District 2 wrestling tournament. Their Lake-Lehman squad took seven titles and will send 11 wrestlers to regionals.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Gate of Heaven Cub Pack 232 held their Blue and Gold Dinner recently in the school auditorium. Boys who received awards are: Hugo Selenski, John Kristan, Jack Jones, Shane Williams, Greg Stahovec, J.J. Straigis, James Strange, Donnie Thompson, Ronnie Lefkoski, Bobby Demko, James Fry and Walter Fry.

Christi Strauser, a sophomore at Dallas Senior High School, has been selected to attend the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Seminar in Lancaster, Pa. later this month. During the seminar, one boy and one girl will be chosen to represent Eastern Pennsylvania at the International Leadership Seminar to be held in Chicago, Illinois in Au-

gust.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

The Dallas Senior Woman's Club met recently at the Prince of Peace Church. Following a short business meeting, a "Make It Yourself" fashion show was presented by Mrs. Hans Hacker, representative for Leiter's Famous Designer Fabrics. Models who participated in the show included Mrs. Hans Hacker, Maggie Mitchell, Pam Schwartz, Mrs. Fred Mitchell and Mrs. Robert Parker.

Children of the Hilltop Nursery School in Dallas enjoyed the first of several visits to the Children's Annex of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Tuesday. Visiting the library were: Andrew Mazula, Wallace Gauthier, Michael Walker, Michael Watchlonis, Carl Warkomski, Stephen Martin, Michael Umphred, Cindy Ricci, John Hagen and Jennifer Stevens.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Six Girl Scouts from troop 169, which meets Tuesday afternoons at Dallas Methodist Church, will receive the Curved Bar, highest award in Intermediate Girl Scouting, at a mass ceremony at Coughlin High School, Saturday afternoon. They are: Janet Kelly, Peggy Reese, Donna Demmy, Bonnie Brobst, Pat Pfeifer and Linda Parry.

Six Back Mountain matrons will act as models at the Dallas Junior Woman's Club annual card party and fashion show to be held in St. Therese's auditorium Tuesday night. They are: Mrs. David Anderson, Mrs. Philip Walter, Mrs. Fred Templin, Mrs. John A. Diffendafer, Mrs. Stanley Hozempa and Mrs. Royal Culp.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Lehman-Jackson 10th, 11th and 12th grade students elected Edward J. Havrilla, 17, Senior of the Month in an assembly on Tuesday. Names of four candidates were submitted: Havrilla, Lewis Disque, Arthur Lloyd and Kenneth Meade.

David Vann, sophomore at Westmoreland, won first place at the Forensic competition in Fort Fort Wednesday with an original oration entitled, "Our Great Government." Vann will compete again at Bloomsburg next week.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Rough-house tactics at Hunlock Creek Grade School this week caused the resignation of an elderly teacher and aroused the people of that section against three youthful insurgents. The teacher, Miss Ruth Chandler, turned in her resignation to the Plymouth Township School Board following an attack on her person Monday afternoon by

three boys, Alfred Thomas, Luther Flynn and James Croop, students of her 8th grade class. Miss Chandler claims she was disciplining young Thomas when he and the two other 13-year-olds set upon her, beat her with their fists and tore her clothing.

A talented cast at Dallas Township High School is rehearsing the junior play, "Cross My Heart," which will be given Friday evening in the school auditorium. Members of the cast are James Harfman, Merriam Moore, Edward Zuba, Shirley Goss, Harold Dymond, Robert Patrick, Edith Spencer, Betty Kreidler, Isabelle Veitch, Marian Jackson, Betty Kepner, Louise Achuff and Lawrence Smith.

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

The History Channel

- On March 31, 1889, the Eiffel Tower is dedicated in Paris. Gustave Eiffel's tower was greeted with skepticism from critics, who argued that it would be structurally unsound. Within a few decades the tower came to be regarded as an architectural masterpiece.
- On March 26, 1937, America's first monument to a comic strip hero is unveiled in Crystal City, Texas. The 6-foot-tall, brightly colored concrete statue of Popeye was unveiled in Popeye Park during the city's second annual Spinach Festival.
- On March 27, 1964, the strongest earthquake in American history, measuring 8.4 on the Richter scale, slams southern Alaska, creating a deadly tsunami. Some 125 people were killed and thousands injured. The tidal wave devastated towns along the Gulf of Alaska and caused carnage in British Columbia, Canada; Hawaii and the West Coast of the United States.
- On March 28, 1979, the worst accident in the history of the U.S. nuclear power industry begins when a pressure valve in the Unit-2 reactor at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania fails to close. As engineers struggled to understand what had happened, the reactor came within less than an hour of a complete meltdown.

"WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT SPRING?"



"I definitely like the weather because I like to play tennis."

Danna Yu
Dallas



"Probably the weather. You're not cooped up and I'm looking forward to the baseball season."

Jimmy Eschal
Shavertown



"Weather. You can stop wearing hoodies and wear some really nice clothes."

Lindsey Bennett
Noxen



"It's warmer. I'm retired so I can get out and do some yard work."

Mark Stefanowicz
Lake Twp.



"The weather. I wish it was nice here all the time since I do carpentry and painting."

Tom White
Sweet Valley



"Not having to bundle up. It's easier to walk to work and take the kids to the park."

Bonnie Biggs
Dallas