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Library has new books

National Library Week (April 9-14) is a week set apart across the country to honor libraries, the services they provide and, of course, to revere and thank our patrons.

As much as everyone enjoys reading, checking out what's new and attending educational programs at the library, remember our staff also enjoys (and appreciates) the daily interactions and input we learn from you, too!

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has arranged the following unique programs, specific to the Civil War era, during this week:

Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. – Presentation by local resident Richard Urban discussing Civil War Officers

All week, April 9-14 – A traveling display on the Civil War, which is funded by the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary, will be on exhibit at the library.

Visit this display at any time during normal library hours and get caught up on your Civil War facts!

Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. – "The Butler Brothers of Wilkes-Barre" presentation by Anthony t.P. Brooks, executive director of the Wyoming Valley Historical Society, will explore the true story of two brothers who fought on opposing sides of the Civil War.

Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m. – A portrayal of John Hay (Lincoln's secretary) leading up to the war by Hugh Taylor of the Lindhill Institute and songs of the era by tal-

ented vocalist John McDermott. All of the above programs are free, but space is limited.

Call the library at 675-1182 to register.

Auction planning begins

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is only three months away, but planning is already well underway.

The next auction meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at the library.

Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to attend this meeting.

Planning is only one part of the auction process...equally important are the donations!

Auction donations, including glassware, jewelry (pairs of earrings, bracelets, necklaces, pins and rings) collectibles, odds and ends, lamps, dishes, knick-knacks and kitchenware are now being accepted.

Call the library with any questions and be sure to visit the front desk in the library before dropping off any donations.

Book donations

Book donations are also accepted throughout the year. Our Slightly Read Bookshop has an increased amount of cookbooks available for purchase. The current sale on gardening and "do it yourself" books will continue through April. There are also great deals on their audio-visual materials and Danielle Steele books.



YOUR SPACE

Photographer Deno Pantelakos, of Idlewood Drive in Dallas, says "it's been so strange this winter" with not much to photograph. He did, however, find this scene at Rickett's Glen State Park and calls it "Water & Ice."

"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 – 1992

Sunny yellow daffodils will brighten the Back Mountain as the Wyoming Valley Cancer Society delivers bunches of the cheerful flowers for "Daffodil Days," this week. Student Council members from the Dallas



ONLY YESTERDAY

Middle School were a great help in taking orders. Participants included Allison Cutter, Kenny Hoover, Danielle Shanaberger, Beth Wagner, Ted Jackson, Trapper Smith, Keith Rondinella, Lis Barrett, Leigh Robinson, Ann Bishop, Amanda Andere, Shannon Kane, Julie Haas, Matt Sowcik, Kevin McDonald, Scott Townsend, Mary Ann Selenski and Joe Tarity.

Brownie Troop 704 from Lake Noxen Elementary visited the Back Mountain Foot Center last week. Dr. Peter Kaminski demonstrated the equipment in the office and gave each Brownie a foot check-up. Participants included Tawnya Roberts, Becky Finch, Amy Ruda, Mary Yurksis, Kim Jones, Melissa Brelsford, Angela Burak, Christie Gordan, Tara Burak, Maureen White, Carrie Gordan, Stephanie Frank and Kristen Ruda.

30 YEARS AGO – 1982

Karen Reabuck, a junior at Dallas Senior High School, has been nominated to attend the Penn State Scholars program. This program was established by

Penn State to recognize and reward high achieving students and to introduce these students to the educational opportunities available to them at Penn State. Karen is an honor student who has maintained a 4.0 average since the eighth grade.

Winners in the Rossetti Art Contest held by Sue Hand at her art studio in Dallas included Stefanie Kravits, Elizabeth Scott, Karen Robinson, Maura Mundy, Kiersten Fries, Lisa Bebey, Denise Grey, Tami Fey, Terrell Smith, Tracy Davis, Scott Ciravolo and Anne Seagrave-Daly.

40 YEARS AGO – 1972

Members of the varsity squad of Gate of Heaven's basketball team received monogrammed jackets at an awards banquet held recently. Team members are: Douglas Lieberman, Douglas Rende, Frank Regukonis, James Sundra, Joe Mihalick, Joe Onzik and Michael Soldo. Cheerleaders who were honored at the banquet included Michele McHale, Ann Rondinella, Karen Ferial, Sharon Popson, Mary Hession, Carolyn McFadden, Debbie Martin, Diane Godleski Ann Goeringer and Janine Carey.

The Bald Mountain Trio, comprised of Jay Miller, Brad Hochhalter and Jay Futch, won the grand prize for a high school popular performance at the Kiwanis Club of Dallas' sixth annual "Festival of Music" Monday night at the Wilkes College Center for the Performing Arts. The trio performed a folk rock edition on "Judy Blue Eyes." The three Dallas High School seniors who organized last fall have be-

come a popular group locally and have played in other areas also.

50 YEARS AGO – 1962

The Red Cross Roll Call for Noxen and the vicinity comes to completion today. Chairman of the charity event was Mrs. Earl Crispell. Others involved included Mrs. Ira Beahm, Mrs. Wheeler Hess, Mrs. Bernard Dendler Sr., Mrs. Elvin Bean, Mrs. George Macialek, Mrs. Robert Timko, Mrs. Donna Meeker, Mrs. George Brody, Mrs. Richard Smith and Mrs. Fred Case.

Dallas Junior High School Girls Chorus took second place Saturday afternoon in the 73rd Cynonfardd Eisteddfod held at Dr. Edwards Congregational Church in Edwardsville. Alfred M. Camp directed the chorus. A four year old Trucksville child took a first and a second place. Mary Jenkins placed first with her recitation, "The Lion" and second for her rendition of "Hickory Dickory Dock."

60 YEARS AGO – 1952

March 11, the girls' basketball team of Westmoreland High School captured the Back Mountain Girls' Basketball Championship by trouncing Dallas Township 42 to 25. Team members are: Betty Johnson, Nancy Schooley, Hilda Sutton, Mary Evans, Roseann Pavlick, Barbara Davis, Elizabeth Johnson, Bobby-Lee Crews, Beverly Morgan, Barbara Balut, Judith Greener, Faith Harding and Mary Ellen Weigel.

William Guyette, prominent

Back Mountain business man and veteran, was elected president of Kingston Township Veterans' Association at its annual meeting Tuesday night at the club house in Trucksville.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Employees and former employees of the Commonwealth Telephone Company enjoyed a delightful dinner party at Hislop's on Monday evening. Guest list included Miss Elizabeth Bunny, Mrs. Russell Shaver, Miss Irene Oney, Mrs. Ruth Gregg, Mrs. Marion O'Dell, Mrs. William Lancio, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, Mrs. Howard Tinsley, Mrs. Edward Ward, Mrs. James Gensel, Misses Velma Harin, Stella Mission, Margaret Gelach, Jane Case, Alice Oberst, Beverly Besecker, Jean Cole, Dorothy Hammond, Louise Malckemes, Betty Bilbow and Mrs. Frances Gavigan.

The curtain will go up at 8 o'clock tonight on "Cross My Heart," a comedy in three acts presented by the Junior Class of Dallas Township High School in the school auditorium. The cast includes James Harfman, Miriam Moore, Shirley Goss, Harold Dymond, Lawrence Smith, Betty Kepner, Louis Achuff, Marian Jackson, Edward Juba, Isabelle Veitch, Robert Patrick, Edith Spencer and Betty Kreidler.

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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American humorist Evan Esar who defined a zoo as "an excellent place to study the habits of human beings."
- The New York Times Best Seller list was first published on April 9, 1942. Since that time, only eight authors have managed to have books place No. 1 on both the fiction and nonfiction lists. Those who have accomplished that feat include Ernest Hemingway, Jimmy Buffett, William Styron, Dr. Seuss and John Steinbeck.
- If you're planning a trip to New Orleans, you might want to keep in mind the following law: It's illegal in that city to curse a firefighter while he or she is engaged in official duties.
- America's first vending machines were found in New York City train stations; they dispensed gum.
- The European sturgeon (also known as the beluga sturgeon) is the source of the highly coveted beluga caviar, which is the world's most expensive, bringing up to \$5,000 per pound. This sturgeon can live more than 100 years and is the largest freshwater fish in the world; the record holder, caught in 1827, was 24 feet long and weighed 3,460 pounds.
- In a 1982 issue of the magazine American Film, a writer named Chuck Ross claimed that he retyped the screenplay to the 1942 film "Casablanca," changing only the title and one of the character's names, and submitted it to 217 agencies. Of the 85 who responded, only eight recognized it as "Casablanca," though it seemed familiar to another 25. Three of the agencies thought it might be commercially viable, while one thought it should be turned into a novel. The Oscar-winning screenplay was rejected outright by 38 of the agencies.

"HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE ON ANYONE?"



"I made my teacher think one kid skipped class but he was under the desk."

William Reimard
Dallas



"I was in seventh grade and we duct-taped Mr. Kavashay's chair to the floor and put a whoopie cushion on it."

Shelby Mack
Shavertown



"I told my teacher a kid fell off his chair and she said it wasn't funny."

Garrett Artsma
Dallas



"I made someone look out the school bus window at a movie star who wasn't really there."

Gabe Allen
Dallas



"I got fake toilet paper that you can't rip and my dad was mad but then he started laughing."

Vanessa Ryan
Dallas



"No, but I'd like to tape up my kitchen sink sprayer and see my parents get wet."

Ekta Aro
Dallas