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## Summer programs will keep kids and teens busy

In addition to the regular summer reading program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, several reading and book discussion groups will be offered. The groups will span children from pre-school through teens completing High School and will include books on the summer reading theme, "Dream Big! READ!"

"Story Hours" are for children age 2 and those from 3 to 5 years of age. Children enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and a special themed craft each week. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. on June 5. Story hours begin the week of June 18 and end the week of Aug. 6. Call 675-1182 to register.

"Early Readers Story Hour" with Donna Schuler, a pre-school teacher, is for children who have just completed kindergarten and first grade. Children will take turns reading aloud (short books of 100 words or less), listen to a story, sing songs and make a craft. Children do not need to purchase any books for this program. Sessions are from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays starting June 18 and ending on Aug. 6. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. June 5 by calling the library at 675-1182.

"Dreamcatchers!" will be held with Maria Sorokin from 11 a.m. to noon on two Mondays, June 18 and 25 for children who have just completed second grade through fifth grade. Register for one or both sessions by calling the library beginning June 5.

Children will learn about the Native American legend of the dreamcatcher and the power it holds as they listen to "Grandmother's Dreamcatcher" by Becky McCain on June 28. Children will make a dreamcatcher and enjoy a snack.

They will turn skyward and listen to "Great Bear: A Tale from the Micmac Indian" and learn how the Native Americans used the sky as a clock, a calendar and even a map on June 25. Children will use scissors to make a star

mobile. A snack is included. Children do not need to purchase any books for this program.

"Donuts & Discussion" will be conducted by Janet Bauman, children's librarian. Tweens who are 9, 10 and 11 years of age are invited to come to one or all of the book discussion sessions! The tweens enjoy refreshments and donuts, make new friends and learn the art of book discussion. There will be four sessions over the summer from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday evenings (June 25, July 16, July 30 and Aug. 13.) Participants are asked to borrow or purchase the books for this program. Register anytime.

The "Young Adult Book Discussion Group" will be moderated by Kristen Andrews, an English teacher with the Dallas School District. Teens, 12 years of age and older, are invited to take part in one or all of these book discussion groups. Teens will discuss themes, plot, characters and style of the selected books. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Sessions are 6 to 7 p.m. Monday evenings (June 25, July 16, July 30 and Aug. 13.) Participants are asked to borrow or purchase the books for this program. Register anytime by calling the library.

"Relax & Read" is a reading and reviewing program for teens who would rather read and write than meet and discuss. Teens write short reviews of any books they choose to read over the summer. The reviews are posted for other teens to read for book recommendations. Teens may begin reading and reviewing beginning June 14. Forms are available in the YA and Children's departments.

Each time a review is completed, teens are entered to win a gift certificate to be awarded at the conclusion of the summer reading program. The more teens read and review, the more chances they have to win the gift certificate.



## YOUR SPACE

Pat Giordano, of Harveys Lake, shot this photo of a water bird called an Anhinga. Unlike ducks, the Anhinga is not able to waterproof its feathers using oil. Consequently, feathers can become waterlogged, making the bird barely buoyant. It has a very long neck and often swims with only the neck above water. When swimming in this style, the name "Snakebird" is apparent, since only the colored neck appears above water the bird looks like a snake ready to strike. When necessary, the Anhinga will dry out its wings and feathers. As seen in the picture, it will perch for long periods with its wings spread to allow the drying process. If it attempts to fly while its wings are wet, it has great difficulty getting off the water.

"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.

## Back Mountain Memorial Library adds new books to its shelves this month

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

**EXPRESS**  
"The Sins of the Father" by Jeffrey Archer, "11th Hour" by James Patterson, "In One Person" by John Irving, "The Road to Grace" by Richard Paul Evans, "The Divining" by Barbara Wood

**FICTION**  
"The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani, "The Dog Who Danced" by Susan Wilson, "The Sins of the Father" by Jeffrey Archer,

"11th Hour" by James Patterson, "In One Person" by John Irving, "The Road to Grace" by Richard Paul Evans, "The Divining" by Barbara Wood, "Deadlocked" by Charlene Harris, "Prague Fatale" by Phillip Kerr, "Beastly Things" by Donna Leon, "The Cove" by Ron Rash, "The Time in Between" by Maria Duenas, "Lover Reborn" by J.R. Ward, "Unholy Night" by Seth Grahame-Smith, "The Dressmaker" by Kate Alcott, "Afraid to Die" by Lisa Jackson, "Cloudland" by Joseph Olshan

**NONFICTION**  
"Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power" by Rachel Maddow, "The Presidents

Club" by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy, "O.J. is Innocent and I Can Prove It" by William C. Dear

**BIOGRAPHY**  
"Heaven is Here" by Stephanie Nielson, "orthodox" by Deborah Feldman, "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed, "Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake" by Anna Quindlen

**MYSTERY**  
"Cinnamon Roll Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Every Last Secret" by Linda Rodriguez

**BOOKS ON CD**  
"1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created" by Charles C. Mann

### 20 YEARS AGO - 1992

Recipients of the Charlotte-Denon Memorial Scholarship will be Jeremiah Van Orden from Dallas High School and Jennifer Smith from Lake-Lehman High School. Each student will receive \$700 toward their college education.

Recently, members of Dallas Boy Scout Troop #281 had an opportunity to go caving at an active cave known as J-4, in Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania, near State College. Accompanied by the Quest team from Bloomsburg University,



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the scouts learned a variety of new skills and had a chance to explore 200 feet below the surface. Participants included Tom Reich, Joe Lech, Jeff Polley, Corey Brinton, Jonathan Bradbury and Daniel Wasserott.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Retired Lake-Lehman School Director Paul Crockett has received a good number of plaquets to honor his almost 34 years of service. Most recently he was presented with a citation from the Pennsylvania State Senate commending his interest in civic mindedness during his years on

the board. The latest award was O'Connell.

A team of eight students from Lake Lehman High School participated in the annual TEAMS Competition at the Pennsylvania State University Wilkes-Barre Campus. TEAMS stands for Tests in Engineering, Mathematics and Sciences. The Lake Lehman team was one of 13 from local high schools entered in the event which was sponsored by Penn State Wilkes-Barre and the Pennsylvania Association of Professional Engineers. Participants from Lake Lehman included Joseph Tomaselli, Susan Hobbs, John Soloman, Joseph Kishkill, David Bonsavage, Matthew Zurinski and Mark Zurinski.

### 40 YEARS AGO - MAY 20

Nine seniors from Dallas High School will have original manuscripts published this spring. The National Essay Press has accepted essays by Joan Domnick, Joan Haver, Patricia Williams, Leslie Evans, Kathy Futch, Christine Kriedler, Tom Rende, Marion Rosser and Joseph Whalen.

The excitement engendered by the opening of a new restaurant in the Back Mountain area was felt Tuesday morning as borough officials formally cut a ribbon to open Elby's Restaurant. Youngsters were seen with their parents and were wide-eyed at

the "Big Boy" who moved through the crowd, dispensing comic books to the children as he greeted them.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Students of Lake Building of the Lake-Lehman area schools have chosen Sandra Yellitz Queen and Kay Williams as the princess. In addition to these traditional members of the May Queen Court, the class selected a king - Ivor Williams and a prince - William Morris. These members will play a key role in the upcoming May Day festivities.

Glenda Williams, Dallas High School senior, will represent her classmates at the 21st Laurel Festival at Wellsboro June 22, 23, 24. She was selected as outstanding in charm, poise, beauty and personality to compete with 70 other high school girls for the title of Laurel Queen.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Alice Eppley was crowned Lake-Noxen May Queen last week as the main feature in a day devoted to recreation and extracurricular activity. Lady in waiting was Roberta Lord.

Four student musicians from Back Mountain schools, two from Westmoreland and two from Dallas-Franklin Township, won ratings in Harrisburg at the

Pennsylvania State Forensic and Music League Finals. They are Ray Harleman and Louise Kann of Westmoreland and Robert Stair and Marilyn Mosier of Dallas-Franklin Township.

### 70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Three youthful farmers-to-be of Lehman Township High School are competing today against the pick of Pennsylvania's agriculture students in the annual Future Farmers of America Judging Contest at Penn State College. The boys - Fred Schobert, Steven Skopic and Gerald Masters - were chosen to compete on the basis of their showing in a judging contest last fall between Lehman and Dallas Township, and are the only representatives of this area to enter the state-wide competition.

Junior class of Dallas Township High School is making final arrangements for its Junior Prom to be held this Friday night. It will be a semi-formal affair. Bernard Braze is chairman. Committee members include Melvin Morros, Dolores Updyke, Ann Detrick and Shirley Goss.

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 British mathematician, philosopher and social critic Bertrand Russell who made the following sage observation: "Every advance in civilization has been denounced as unnatural while it was recent."

• If you're like most adults, you have approximately 1,000 hairs per square inch of your scalp. That might seem like a lot, but consider the otter: Its 1 million hairs per square inch of skin make it the owner of the densest fur in the world.

• Before the 19th century, it was declassé to wear clothing with pockets. All the well-dressed members of the upper classes had servants to carry things for them.

• The next time you're out for a walk in the country, kneel down and scoop up a cupful of soil. You might be surprised to learn that that single cup of dirt could hold more bacteria than there are people on the planet.

• Those who study such things say that more Frisbee-type discs are sold every year in the U.S. than footballs, baseballs and basketballs combined.

• People sometimes fight over the silliest things. Countries, too. For example, in 1925, Greece and Bulgaria were at war for 10 days, all because of a dog. Evidently, tensions were high in October of that year, when a Greek soldier's dog ran away from him - across the border. The soldier chased his dog into Bulgaria, where he was shot dead by a sentry. In retaliation, the Greek army invaded, and the League of Nations had to step in to restore order to the region.

## "WHY DO YOU LIVE IN THE BACK MOUNTAIN?"



"It's peaceful and a nice environment to raise the kids."

Karen Stanski  
Ross Twp.



"Great school district, low crime, excellent youth sports programs."

Joe Phillips  
Dallas



"Because of all the wonderful friends we've made here and the sense of community."

Jane Brennan  
Dallas



"I've lived here all my life. I never left. I live it here; it's beautiful."

Perry Coolbaugh  
Orange



"There's lots of good restaurants out here, outdoor activities and lots of sports for the kids."

Kim Kovalick  
Dallas



"I choose to live here for the school district. You can't beat it. It's like sending your kid to a private school."

Lisa Barrett  
Shavertown