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Library citrus sale is favorite scene

One of the favorite scenes around the Back Mountain Memorial Library is the delivery of fresh fruit for the annual citrus sale. Fruit previously ordered may be picked up from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 or from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Amnesty Week

Another popular time at the library is the annual Amnesty Week. This year it will be held from Monday, Dec. 10 to Saturday, Dec. 15. Any current fines for items returned late during this week will be waived.

Meet Tux

And one of the library's most highly-anticipated family events is the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Reading night. Come and celebrate the holidays with Mike O'Brien, Tux and star players from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in a lively reading program.

All ages are welcome to attend at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in the Children's Room. Space is limited so families are asked to call the library at 675-1182 to reserve seats.

The players will talk to the families about the importance of reading, about being a team player and about their careers as professional hockey players. Tux will then entertain the children with his antics as the players read holiday books to the children.

Bring your questions, along with your memorabilia to be signed and get ready to have some fun with the Penguins.

Holiday Open House

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Annual Holiday Open House. This year the Open House will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 20. Stop by the library on those days and enjoy light refreshments and soft instrumental holiday music.

Friends extend thanks

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library would like to thank everyone who supported their recent fundraiser at Leggio's restaurant in Dallas. This event was well attended and very successful, largely due to the outstanding staff and service provided by this restaurant. Our sincere thanks to the owners of Leggio's for supporting this important library fundraiser.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Dec. 5, 1933, the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, repealing the 18th Amendment and bringing an end to the era of national prohibition of alcohol in America. Utah became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, achieving the requisite three-fourths majority of states' approval.

• On Dec. 3, 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play "A Streetcar Named Desire."

• On Dec. 9, 1950, Harry Gold - who had confessed to serving as a courier of top-secret information on the atomic bomb - is sentenced to 30 years in jail for his crime. Gold implicated his brother-in-law and sister, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were later convicted and executed for espionage.

• On Dec. 5, 1964, the first Medal of Honor awarded for action in Vietnam is presented to Army Special Forces Capt. Roger Donlon of New York for his heroic action at Nam Dong. Donlon was shot in the stomach during an attack by hordes of Viet Cong. He stuffed a handkerchief into the wound, cinched up his belt and kept fighting.

• On Dec. 8, 1982, "Sophie's Choice," starring actress Meryl Streep as a Holocaust survivor, opens in theaters. The "choice" in the film's title refers to a terrible decision Streep's character is forced to make, about which of her two children will live or die while in a concentration camp.



YOUR SPACE

Jane Brennan, of Dallas, hit the camera button at just the right moment and captured this lightning strike during a storm in Ocean City, Maryland.

"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

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's popular Candy Striping program opened its fall session with more than 70 participants. The program is comprised of girls and boys between the ages of 13 and 17 who volunteer their services to many hospital departments.

Among the participants are Desiree Ahlum, Shavertown;

Keri Bachman, Dallas; Jackie Gabhardt, Trucks-

ville; Brianna Herron, Dallas; Blake Nagle, Dallas; Becky Nichol, Dallas; Jennifer Quimby, Hunlock Creek; Harmony Suda, Dallas; and Tiffany Suda, Dallas.

ONLY YESTERDAY

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Dallas Area Gridder Jerry Rollman was named MVP for his performance in the Dallas Meyers football contest. Rollman, defensive tackle and offensive guard, led the blocking for teammate Greg Kravitski and garnered six sacks in the Mountaineers' victory.

Back Mountain Library Story Hour members presented a giant bookmark to Dallas Mayor Paul LaBar in honor of Children's Book Week. Participating children are: Amy Shoemaker, Marty Noon, Kevin Joseph, A.J. Wyce, Ann Moore, Sherry Love, Shaun Love, Greg Riley, Mike Vozniak, Allyson Jones, Jessica Kern, Robbie Campbell, Geanna Powelia, Jenifer Reese and Kelly Nelen.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

The Dallas Track team was

awarded jackets and patches by the Dallas Lettermen-Booster Club. Members of the team are Wayne Evans, Barry Carle, Ed Connor, Craig Tupper, John Mulhern, Scott Wimmer, Gary Arcuri, Craig Kasper, Douglas Larson, John Hiller, Peter Calkins, Robert Wallace, Charles Griffin, Mark Arcuri, Michael Cybulski, Robert Goeringer, Roger Howell, Joseph O'Malia, Steve Summa, Douglas Wasserott and Michael Kasper.

Karen Sue Lefko was named the recipient of the \$500 scholarship awarded each year by the Dallas Junior Woman's Club.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Mrs. Francis Desiderio will be installed as president and Susie Crispell as vice president at the meeting of Lake Township Democratic Club, Wednesday at the Sportsman's Club in Noxen. Other officers: secretary, Margaret Grey; assistant secretary, Elsie Franklin; treasurer, Anna Crane; assistant treasurer, Frances Yankoski; chaplain, Betty Lopasky.

Altar and Rosary Society, St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, will hold its annual Christmas Party December 5 in the Church Auditorium. Mrs. Edward Zaboski, general chairman, has appointed the following committee members: Telephone - Mrs. Edward Kupstas, Mrs. John Michael; punch bowl - Mrs. Robert Dienne, Mrs. Norman Schoell; decorations - Mrs. Loren Fiske; publicity - Mrs. Joseph Burns.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mrs. Stanley Davies entertained officers and secretaries of the Dallas Methodist WSCS at her home Monday night when

reports were given and plans for the Tuesday night meeting were discussed. Present at the meeting were Mesdames J.C. Fleming, president; A.E. Fiske, Raymond Kunert, Lawrence Updyke, Raymond Hidden, William Heapps, Edward Stair, Z.E. Garinger, Edgar Brace, Ruth Fiske and the hostess.

Powder and Wig Club, Dallas-Franklin Township High School, will present a three-act comedy, "He Couldn't Marry Five," tonight in the school auditorium. Sponsorship is by the Senior Class and all actors are seniors. Bob Achuff, Don Wiedner, Jessie Carey, Yvonne Schlittler, Betsy Bunney, Gloria Davis, Mary Sholtis, Emma Stritzinger, Carol Swisher and Shirley Welsh compose the cast.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was revered civil-rights leader Mohandas Gandhi who made the following sage observation: "Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err."

• If you're afraid of rats and mice, you might not want to read the following tidbit: Those who study such things say that 60 percent of all the mammals on earth are rodents.

• Athletes playing baseball on steroids have frequently been in the news in recent years, but drugs are nothing new in America's national sport. During the late 1960s and throughout almost all of the '70s, Dock Ellis was a valued pitcher who played for several teams, including the Pittsburgh Pirates. On June 12, 1970, Ellis took LSD, under the mistaken belief that it was an off day for his team. By the time he realized that the Pirates were scheduled to play against the San Diego Padres that evening, it was too late. The drug proved to have no ill effect on Ellis; in fact, he pitched a no-hitter. When he recounted the event to a reporter 12 years later, he said he remembered only bits and pieces of the game, though he felt euphoric. Many years later, after being treated for addiction, Ellis became a coordinator for an anti-drug program in California.

• It's been reported that Albert Einstein did not like to wear socks.

• Historians say that Russia's Peter the Great was nearly 7 feet tall.

"WHAT IS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW IN A MOVIE THEATER?"



"'Diary of a Wimpy Kid.' It's about what kids go through when they go to school."

Noah Tripp
Dallas



"'I'm not sure. It might have been 'Sherlock Holmes.'"

Ed Frederick
Dallas



"'The Avengers.' It was kind of like a super hero movie."

Rick Carrion
Wilkes-Barre



"'Courageous.' It's a Christian movie about men being dads and husbands."

Susan Roskos
Lake Louise



"'Flight.' Denzel Washington is an alcoholic airplane pilot who lands a plane upside down to save it."

Krista Connolly
Swoyersville



"'Lincoln.' It was fabulous. Well worth the money, beautifully done with strong political views."

Jane Kishbaugh
Shavertown