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## Library is great place to do holiday shopping

Everyone is busy at this time of year and the Back Mountain Memorial Library is no exception. But the library is prepared to help you cross some errands off your to-do lists.

Remember the library when you are searching for a unique gift for someone special on your holiday shopping list. The library always has a supply of slightly-read books in excellent condition available for purchase, but did you know that we also sell inexpensive gift items perfect for holiday giving? Stop by our Holiday Shop in the front foyer of the library to browse the many holiday decorations for sale, including table-top Christmas trees, beautifully-decorated wreaths, figurines and collectibles, serving dishes, holiday cards and new gift bags.

### Plasticville houses

New this year, is the library's sale of vintage hand-blown glass ornaments and Plasticville U.S.A. houses (in original unglued condition) and accessories for placing under your Christmas tree. The one-of-a-kind hand-made ornaments range in price and vary in size and color, but all

are unique and will add an element of Olde Worlde to your holidays. All proceeds from the sale of these donated items directly benefit the library.

### 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.

### Holiday hours

Reminder: Both the library and the Slightly Read Bookshop will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 to celebrate Christmas and also will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 to celebrate New Year's Day.

The library will re-open at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26 with regular hours and the Bookshop will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26; Thursday, Dec. 27; and Friday, Dec. 28 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### By Samantha Weaver

• It was the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, who made the following observation: "The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."

• Those who study such things say that a rainbow can't be seen at midday; the optical phenomena are visible only in the morning or in the late afternoon.

• In 1982, a radio station in Allentown, Pa., thought its rating could use a bit of a boost, so it came up with a contest: Three contestants, selected at random, would live on top of one of the station's billboards (portable toilets and sleeping bags were provided). The last one to give up would be awarded a mobile home. The problem was, nobody wanted to give up. The three men who climbed to the top of the sign at the end of September were still there come March 1983. In that month, one of the contestants was arrested for dealing drugs, but the remaining two stayed aloft until May. Once the freezing winter was finally over, the radio station decided to declare both of the men winners.

• As the end of the year approaches, you might consider an old British tradition of fortune-telling. Light a candle, place it on the floor and jump over it. If the flame does not go out, you're likely to enjoy good luck during the coming year.

• If you're like the average American, you use between 75 and 100 gallons of water every day.

• The Sahara Desert is nearly as large as the continental United States.

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Thought for the day: "If at first you don't succeed, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it." - W.C. Fields

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## YOUR SPACE

Mary Alice Frederick, of Wedgewood Way in Dallas, was a tourist in Washington, D.C. in September. She spent time at the Heritage Foundation, National Book Festival, Wilson Center, Smithsonian and the National Gallery of Art. This photo of the White House was taken during a quiet evening stroll.

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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 students of Dallas Middle School recently participated in the presidential election process through their social studies class. The election took place using a voting machine supplied by the Luzerne County Election Bureau.

The overwhelming winner in the presidential race was Ross Perot. Among those students who

learned to use the voting machine were: Paul Carlson, Jason Volka, Care Chuff, Mike Dombrski, Ken Hoover, Mike Petrow, Joe Sallitt, Dave Choe, Pete Redmond, Sara Barlow and Elise Ide.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Students from Fred Wesley's fourth grade class at Dallas elementary played Santa Claus by trimming the tree in the lobby of United Penn Bank in Dallas. The students used decorations by members of the entire school. Participants included Chris Ruth, Mark Drumin, Amy Yanalunas, Ann Repko, Rebecca Holthaus, Tiffany Owens, Nita Liva, Andy Zahorsky, Andy Wilk, Chris Rogers, Judy Roan, Jackie Devlin, Melanie Langdon, Melinda English, Erin Ennis, Jeff Bankovich, Mark Rinehimer, Justin Reich and Thanh Huynk.

Dallas senior football players received their letterman jackets at the football banquet held at Irem Temple Country Club. Senior members who received jackets, which were presented by members of the Dallas Gridiron Club, are: Dave Bolton, Scott

Bowen, Greg Dukinas, Steve Federici, Kevin Feeny, Walt Grabenstetter, Bill Griffin, Greg Kravitsky, John Luke, Erez Morag, Matt Moran, Mike Newell, Ray Piekanski, Andy Prynne, Jerry Rollman, John Shemo, Steve Thomas, Roy Wall and Dale Wilkie.

### 40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Frank Michael, Dallas, brought down a 130-pound black bear the first day of the season while hunting with a party of four in Bradford County.

The Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, held their annual Christmas Party at the Wahoo Inn. At the party, Margaret Crake announced new officers for the coming year: president, Betty Sherknas; vice president, Dorothy Lutinski; second vice president, Ellen Brice; secretary, Mary Ellen Sichler; and treasurer, Margaret Purcell.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Atty. James L. Brown, president of Back Mountain Protective Association, has announced that its Community Service Award will go this year's to Rev. Francis Kane, pastor of Gate of Heaven Parish. The award is made annually to that person who without distinction of race, color or creed has performed outstanding community service.

Jim O'Hara, defensive line coach at Penn State, will be the speaker and will show motion pictures of some of this year's outstanding Penn State football games at the dinner tonight at Irem Temple Country Club when Dallas Rotary Club presents the Old Shoe Football Trophy to Dallas High School football team, champions of the

West Side Conference.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Raymond Snyder has been elected president of Lehman-Jackson Hi-Y Club. Other officers of the club are Vice President, Walter Steltz; Secretary, Joel Rood; Treasurer, Lynn Ashworth; and Reporter, Harry Rood.

Twelve year old Robert H. Eggleston, hunting with his father and twelve other members of the Vernon Hunting Club near Forkston, shot a 130 pound doe on his first shot Monday morning. He also got two pheasants and a number of squirrels and rabbits during small game season.

### 70 YEARS AGO - 1942

Dallas Rotary Club held its annual Christmas Party last night

in the Blue Room of the Tally-Ho Grille. Members brought their youngsters and those that had none adopted a neighbor's kid for the evening. Those attending were: Mrs. William Baker, Bill Rogers, Howard Risely, Sgt. Thomas Swainbank, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Robert Jr. and Richard Bodycomb, L.L. Richardson, Tom and Bob Richardson, Dr. W.L. Lanyon, Lee Eckert, Nesbitt Garinger, Bob Besecker, L.F. Kingsley, William McIntyre, M.J. Brown, Tom Brown, Peter Jurchak, Peter, Paul and Tony Jurchak, Carl Dick, Warren Yeisley, Peter and Bud Van Campen.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from back copies of The Dallas Post which is years ago. The information here is printed exactly as it originally appeared.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

### The History Channel

• On Dec. 19, 1917, four teams of the National Hockey League play the league's first two games. At the time of its inception, the NHL was made up of the Canadiens and the Wanderers (both of Montreal), the Ottawa Senators, the Quebec Bulldogs and the Toronto Arenas.

• On Dec. 23, 1968, the crew and captain of the U.S. intelligence gathering ship Pueblo are released after 11 months imprisonment by the government of North Korea. The ship, and its 83-man crew, was seized by warships on Jan. 23 and charged with intruding into North Korean waters.

• On Dec. 21, 1970, rock

star Elvis Presley pays a surprise visit to President Richard Nixon at the White House to discuss the war on drugs. Presley apparently was not searched before being granted admission. Upon meeting Nixon, he presented the president with a gift - a World War II-era Colt .45 pistol.

• On Dec. 20, 1989, "Roger & Me," a documentary by Michael Moore about his quest to interview Roger Smith, then chairman and chief executive officer of General Motors, opens in theaters. The film examines the devastating impact on the people of Moore's hometown of Flint, Mich., following the closing of several General Motors auto plants in the area.

## "WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO IN THE WINTER?"



"Sledding at home. We have a big hill and a very big toboggan."

Lauren Charney  
Dallas



"Playing with my kids outside - tossing snow and snowballs."

Steve Forsey  
Plymouth



"I like outdoor sports, like basketball. I don't like the cold weather."

Doug Miller  
Exeter



"Basketball. I'm 6'5" and played basketball all my life and I like my coaches."

Allen Fell  
Truckville



"Throwing snowballs at my sister because I like her. We have great snowball fights."

Ally Rome  
Dallas



"To cuddle up with Regan Rome, my girlfriend."

Dominic DeLuca  
Dallas