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HARRY POTTER MEMORABILIA DISPLAYED AT LIBRARY



Jessica Martin, a seventh-grade student at Lake Lehman, will display her Harry Potter collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the month of January. When asked how she got started collecting this favorite character's memorabilia, Jessica said she, "read the books with my aunt and loved them so much I started to collect Harry Potter things." It all began in 2007 at Christmas when she received a collector's trunk of the series hardcovers and a Hogwarts' robe. Now, Jessica also purchases items for her collection while still receiving some as gifts. Her collection includes the wands and a Lego replica of the Hogwarts castle. Jessica and her family vacationed in Florida and visited the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios. While there, the seventh movie was released at the studios and they viewed it in the studio on a huge screen. Jessica said she likes both the movies and the books but prefers the books even more because there is more detail and a story to them. Jessica lives in Lake Township with her parents, Terry and Jennifer Martin.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Albert Einstein who offered the following explanation of relativity: "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."
- In Singapore, one of the colorful customs is training birds for singing competitions. It's not always just a hobby, though; for some, it's a serious - and costly - business. A single well-trained bird might sell for as much as \$60,000.
- If you're an oenophile - that's an aficionado of wine - you probably won't be surprised to learn that as the cost of a wine goes up, so does a drinker's appreciation of that wine. It seems that it's not all about the quality of the vintage, though: In a recent study, tasters were offered two samples of the same wine, but each sample was labeled with a different price. The tasters overwhelmingly preferred the more expensive vintage.
- Only one-fifth of homes in America are not air-conditioned. In the sweltering South, a mere 5 percent lack that vital amenity.
- Those who study such things say that the wind power in an average hurricane is equivalent to 1.5 trillion watts. That's the same amount of power that is generated by fully half of the entire world's generating capacity.
- The works of Agatha Christie have been translated more times into other languages than those of any other author in history.
- Many people see dogs as doing heroic work in tandem with law enforcement and the military, but they're not the only animals put to such use. In Mozambique, sniffer rats are being used to find unexploded land mines so experts can disarm them. They're known as HeroRATS.



YOUR SPACE

Camille Fiotti, of Woodbine Road in Shavertown, snapped this picture of a breathtaking sunrise over a lake in Stuart, Florida recently. The bird is an egret.

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

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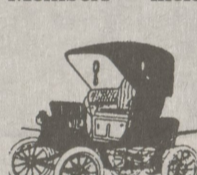
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should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

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20 YEARS AGO - 1992

Members of the "Riders of the Lost Ark" 4-H Club of Dallas entertained residents of Dallas Borough's conservation area with Christmas carols last week. Members included "Snow



White" the pony, Jean Lori, Kristina Lori, Anna Lloyd, Emily Bost, Rachael Pugliese, Mike Keating, Jocelyn

Kozick, "Fritz" the pony, Missy Dymond, Kelly Harris, Angela Pugliese, Veronica McRipley, Lindsey Dymond, Abbey Budzyn, Alisa Harris, Nettie Ginocchetti, Erin Loughney, Carrie Cololin, Lori Bonomo, and Liz Keating.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Tracy Karuza, 11, of Trucksville received an extra special Christmas gift this year from Coscia's Restaurant. Tracy was the winner of Coscia's 15 foot stocking filled with toys and surprises.

When Penn State goes to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, New Year's Day to play Georgia for the National Championship, two local people will be traveling with them as members of the Penn State Blue Band. Karen Williams and John Milauskas III are second year students at Penn State Main Campus and have been members of the Blue Band for as many years.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

The Chansonairs, a talented group of high school students from the Back Mountain area, presented a seasonal concert at the Main Office of the First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania in Wilkes-Barre. Group members are: Julie Evans, Bill Cutter, David Schooley, Wayne Long, Gerry Brague, Edward Johnson Jr., Eric Manfin, Barbara Berti, Maureen Muessig, Barbara Pichert, Julie Sweptson, Karen Murray, Jack Kloeber Jr., Phillip Miller, Dave Morgan, Gary Cutter, Walter Roberts, Steve Hartman, Marilyn Miller, Pam Porter, Dagmar Moravec, Diane Leapline, Bonnie Baird and Kathleen Johnson.

50 YEARS AGO - 1962

Alana Matter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frey of Oak Hill, was chosen as Girl of the Month by Lehman Woman's Club. Mrs. Mark Grimm, chairman of education, introduced Miss Matter to the club members and presented her with a silver bracelet, inscribed.

The death of Howard Risely early Wednesday morning struck the Back Mountain a crushing blow. He was the one man in the community who could not be spared, the focus of life in the Back Mountain. For over thirty years, ever since he acquired the Dallas Post in 1930, his every thought had centered about his chosen community. Risely died at Nesbitt Hospital after having a sudden heart attack while enjoying Christmas

dinner at the home of his sister.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Lucy and Marion Courtright, Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, entertained members of the Major Circle of Shavertown Methodist Church at their home recently. Present were Mrs. Howard Appleton, Mrs. Horton Averett, Pearl Averett, Mrs. Oscar Dymond, Mrs. William Dodson, Mrs. Paul Eckert, Mrs. Carol Hontz, Mrs. Henry Isaacs, Mrs. Francis Dougherty, Mrs. Stephen Johnson, Mrs. Harry Major, Mrs. W. Martin Porter, Ethel Vivian, Alice Vivian, Mrs. Ross Williams and Mrs. Blanche Keller.

Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672 played host to 93 children of the community on Saturday night, when it staged

its annual Christmas party at the home on Huntsville Road. A door-prize, Lionel Electric train, was won by Carol Ann Roth.

70 YEARS AGO - 1942

"The Case of the Laughing Dwarf," a mystery in three acts, was presented by the Dallas Township senior last week. The cast included Shirley Goss, Edith Spencer, Isabelle Veitch, Jim Harfman, Marion Jackson, Lawrence Smith, William Colvin, Betty Kriedler, Robert Patrick, Harold Dymond, Irene Stofila and Chuck McManus.

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 Jan. 4, 1965, in his State of the Union address, President Lyndon Johnson lays out for Congress a list of legislation needed to achieve his plan for a Great Society. His list included the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.
- On Dec. 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente, future Hall of Fame baseball player, is killed along with four others when the cargo plane in which he is traveling crashes off the coast of Puerto Rico. At the end of September, Clemente had gotten his 3,000th hit in the final game of the season for the Pittsburgh Pirates.
- On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could lead to the USSR gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

"DO YOU GO OUT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE?"



"No, because I've got two small children at home and I'm in bed by 9:30."

Christine Somers
Dallas



"I visit with my family. My mom bangs pots and pans outside after midnight."

Jeff Passetti
Nanticoke



"I celebrate with friends at a friend's house. We hang out and watch the ball drop."

Whitney Ellenberg
Dallas



"Oh, yeah. I go downtown to drink and go to the clubs."

Sal Saraniti
Dallas



"I go bowling at Chacko's. For one price, you get a lane for the whole night and free pizza."

Anna Nole
Tunkhannock



"I actually might be going to my roommate's for New Year's Eve. He lives somewhere south on the Susquehanna River."

Matt Botta
Dallas