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Laura Hadsall is displaying her vintage Christmas items at the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the month of December.

## 'Vintage Christmas' on display at library

A "Vintage Christmas" will be on display for the month of December at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Laura Hadsall, the accession clerk at the library, will have her vintage Christmas items there in the display case. She has been collecting for 10 years and her collection includes ceramic Santas of various shapes and sizes, holiday cards, salt and pepper shakers, a framed coloring book and much more.

Hadsall started buying vintage Christmas items because "they all remind me of Christmases long-past at

my grandparents' houses, all happy memories." The salt and pepper shakers are some of her favorite pieces because they "have such appealing faces."

She also enjoys the Christmas cards, which belonged to her grandmother, because "the designs are very beautiful."

Hadsall has found pieces at yard sales and antique malls. She informs us that the Santas were all "made in Japan after World War II when they were dismissed as cheap junk. Now their charm is being appreciated."

Submitted photo



## YOUR SPACE

Janelle Marshallick, of Harveys Lake, took this photo of Maya Paci, of Dallas, as she gazes out of a window in one of the historical Concrete City buildings in Nanticoke. Concrete City was built in 1911 for employees of the Lackawanna, Delaware and Western Railroad's coal division. The property was unable to be demolished and was left abandoned in 1924.

"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 reserve the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

## ONLY YESTERDAY

### 20 YEARS AGO - 1993

The Lake-Lehman High School Foreign Language Club recently held a Fiesta to celebrate to "El Dia de Los Muertos," which is similar to our Halloween in Mexico. Students prepared a variety of food, they wore original buttons which announced the celebration and they participated in the breaking of the piñata. Participants included: Paulo "Sheets" Penido, Janet Rudo, Lisa Gunn, Sandy Ramage, Arnie Grutkowski, Dan Alder, Michele Seman, Judy Sichler, Nick Staub, Anna Nordberg, Stacey Kehler, Amber Tarreto, Brian McDermott, Jen Bendik, Mike Grey, Bill Hopfer, Jen Rakowski, Michelle Price, Tom Nalbone, Kelly Komsisky, Richelle Kovach, Tara Dymond, Yolanda Bosma, Dave Pall, J.D. Hanley, Tiffany Roese, Allison Jurkowski, Melissa O'Donnell and Melanie Sidorowicz.

Three College Misericordia volleyball players, including former Lake-Lehman High School standout Tracy Krupa, were recently honored by the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference. Krupa, a freshman setter, was named second team all-conference. Senior Kirsten Miers was named to the first team while freshman Beth Elfner was also named to second team.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1983

Members of the Dallas Senior High School Key Club were recently presented with awards by the American Red Cross for their participation in Back Mountain blood drives. Awardees included Margaret Zajkowski, Heidi Richards, Linda Ashworth, Bob Cicero, Jennifer Ebst, Courtney Dick, Crista Scholz, Nancy Washcosky, Terri Miknevich, Carlene Simon, Jennifer Parduski, Sharon Chupas, Robyn Hanson, Mia Argento, Chris Cavalari, Rusty

Baer and Mike Lundy.

The award-winning Lake-Lehman high School Band directed by John Milauskas finished an outstanding competition season with 30 first-place trophies and one second-place trophy in nine competitions. In addition to First in Class awards, they received outstanding award presentations for Best Music, Best Band front, Best Marching and Maneuvering, Best Drum Major and Best Overall Band. Drum Major is John Headman. Band front captains are rifles, Rick Titus and Ray Jones; silks, Cathy Clamar and Paula Remplewicz; batons, Mandy Wood and Sharon Evans; swing flags, Pam Nafus and Kathy Bogdon.

### 40 YEARS AGO - 1973

A group of primary and intermediate students in Dallas School District recently toured Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport accompanied by instructors Shirley Brown and Mary Frances Thomas. The students visited the various departments at the airport and learned about safety and security regulations and the importance of the facility to the region's economy. Participating students included Larry Carr, Billy Haughwout, John Lyons, Joseph Ellsworth and Clarence Morgan.

Deborah Zimmerman, Dallas, won first place in the Senior Hunter Seat Equitation class at the State 4-H Horse and Pony Show held in Harrisburg. She and her horse, "Baroda Token" received a trophy.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1963

Mrs. Harvey Kitchen, Idetown, was honored recently

by Harveys Lake Woman's Club when she was made a Life Member and presented a Life Member pin. Mrs. Kitchen is a charter member and past president of the club. Other charter members attending were: Mrs. Harry Allen and Mrs. Otis Allen Sr.

First event of the holiday season for Dallas Women of Rotary, their husbands and guests will be a dinner dance. The Snow Ball will be held next weekend at Irem Temple Country Club. Chairman of the gala affair is Mrs. Lester Hauck. Committee members include Mrs. L.E. Jordan, Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mrs. Myron Baker, Mrs. Ralph Postorive, Mrs. R. Spencer Martin, Mrs. Bruce F. Slocum, Mrs. Harry Vivian, Mrs. Stanley Hozempa, Mrs. Archer Mohr and Mrs. Merton E. Jones.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1953

A community ambulance for Dallas was discussed at Monday night's meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company, held at Back Mountain Memorial Library. Members were equally divided between, taking the plunge now or putting the matter over until spring, after the new Borough Building has been gotten into shape. According to Fire Chief James Besecker, residents need an ambulance but they have just been asked for substantial contributions to a new fire truck recently purchased.

Dallas Woman's Club Chorale, under the direction of Mrs. Norman Patton, has spread the fame of the Woman's Club throughout the Wyoming Valley Area where it has appeared before many groups. Membership includes: Elaine Allen, Ruth Ambrose, Margaret Antanaitis, Mary Bennallack, Dottie Crosby, Alice Dourand, Marjorie Downing, Evelyn Eck, Jean Edwards, Billie Elston, Catherine Garris,

Bettie Hanna, Marion Harvey, Helen Kishbaugh, Ruth Lewin, Helen McCord, Janet McGoey, Aletha Mahler, Alive Meade, Dorothy Nicol, Peggy Poter, Margaret Purcell, Mary Reese, Emma Sarley, Mary Sekara, Amy Scott, Naomi Shaver, Katherine Stringham, Marion Templin, Marion Tyron and Dorothy Wileman.

### 70 YEARS AGO - 1943

Mrs. Cedric Griffith was elected president and Mrs. Herbert Williams vice president at a meeting of Trucksville W.S.C.S. on Thursday. Other officers: recording secretary, Mrs. Sheldon Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J.F. Houghwout; financial secretary, S.D. Finney; treasurer, Mrs. B.S. Post.

Members of Lehman Choir met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott Friday evening and elected Mrs. H.L. Hendricks, director. Present were: Miss Vera Whitesell, Judith Simms, Mrs. Edward Barber, Sante Rango, Carl Brandon, Gilbert Tough and Garwin Tough.

Miss Mary Templin, committee chairman of the Charity dance which will be sponsored by members of Dallas Woman's Club, at Irem Temple Country Club next weekend, has announced the following committee members: Mary Jeter, co-chairman; music, Mrs. Thomas Robinson and Mrs. Oswald Griffith; tickets, Mary Jeter and Mary Templin; reservations, Mrs. Willard John, Mrs. R.L. Lewis and Mrs. Dan Richards; decorations, Mrs. Howard Woolbert, Miss Hilda Staub, Mrs. Edward Hartman and Mrs. Vincent McGuire; publicity, Mrs. James Oliver.

*The Dallas Post has been in existence for 124 years. Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from back issues of the newspaper and is reprinted here exactly as it first appeared.*

## Fresh fruit arrives at library on Dec. 13

One of the favorite scenes around the Back Mountain Memorial Library is the delivery of fresh fruit for the annual citrus sale. Fruit that has previously been ordered may be picked up from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 or from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 14.

### 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. 18 and Thursday, Dec. 19. Stop by the library on those days and enjoy light refreshments and soft instrumental holiday music.

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The newly-formed Book Discussion Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the library on Thursday, Dec. 19. The selected title for this month is "The Guernsey Literary" and "Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer. New members are always welcome and may call the library at 570-675-1182 for more information.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 to celebrate Christmas and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1 to celebrate New Year's.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

### By Samantha Weaver

\* It was noted German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently."

\* A scorpion can live for an

entire year without eating.

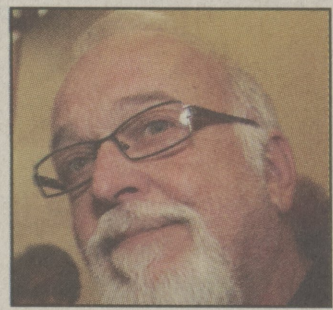
\* If you lack a belief in ghosts, UFOs, telepathy or other paranormal phenomena, you are in rare company; only 7 percent of Americans share your lack of belief.

\* If you traveled along Highway 50 east of Reno, Nev., in recent decades, you may

have had the opportunity to see — and perhaps even contribute to — the world's largest shoe tree. It's claimed that the cottonwood got its start as a landmark when a quarreling couple, on their wedding night, threw each other's shoes into the branches. This shoe-tossing (for reasons unclear) became a

tradition, and the tree gradually became laden with the odd offerings. Travelers these days, though, miss out on the attraction; in late 2010, vandals cut down the tree. But take heart, seekers of the unusual! Shoe trees can be found in 18 other states, ranging from California to New York.

## "PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS BURIED 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK. DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE WHEN YOU HEARD THE NEWS OF HIS ASSASSINATION?"



"I WAS IN SEVENTH GRADE AT FAIRLESS HILLS, PA."

Thomas Galka  
Shavertown



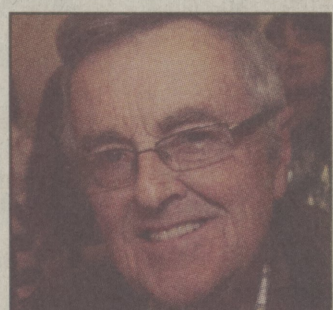
"I WAS 15 IN MUSIC CLASS AT COUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL AND THEY DISMISSED US."

Nancy Jaslar  
Shavertown



"HOME. SOMEONE CALLED AND TOLD ME TO TURN ON THE TV. I WAS HEART-BROKEN."

Hope Beisel  
Shavertown



"IN CHICAGO AS A COLLEGE CHAPLIN. WE HAD NO APPRECIATION OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING."

Ken Carder  
Kingston



"I WAS IN MUSIC CLASS AT GAR. I WAS 15."

Edie Lentini  
Pittston



"ST. HEDWIG'S IN KINGSTON. EVERYONE WAS UPSET AND WE PRAYED IN THE HALLS AND CRIED."

Bernadette Prapuolenis  
Plains