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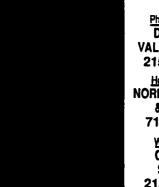












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Grange **Recognizes Deaf**

CLARION - The Deaf Activities' Sign-A-Song contest had special meaning this year for Jennifer McCullon.

McCullon of Venango County said she dedicated her performance of "For All The World" to a friend who recently was killed in an automobile accident.

McCullon won first place in the Sign-A-Song competition on the opening night of the 121st Pennsylvania State Grange convention here. Also held was the Youth Department's Public Speaking contest with winners selected in three age groups.

The Sign-A-Song competition is held as part of the State Grange's Deaf Activities program and is a forum to demonstrate the ability to utilize

sign language to songs.

"I dedicated this performance in remembrance of Mike because he was going to propose to his girlfriend and he truly wanted everything in the world," McCullon said. "I also like to sign and participate in this event because it gets you in touch with another culture and gives you a better understanding of what the deaf go through."

In the Public Speaking competition, Kirk Sattazahn of Berks County took first-place honors with a speech titled "Tomorrow's Yesterdays." Sattazahn discussed those who made discoveries that changed our lives - even when they were told they would never succeed.

There was a man who drew cartoons and tried to sell them to everyone, but no one would buy them," Sattazahn told the audience of approximately 600 people. "That man was Walt Disney and I can't imagine the world without his work."

The Public Speaking contestants were judged on the content of the text, composition, voice qualities, stage presence, expressiveness, general effectiveness, time and their answer to an impromptu question.

Yuletime Magic Comes To Country Museum

MUMFORD, NY — The enchantment of the holiday season will animate the historic village as Genesee Country Museum reopens for the first time, December 3-5 and 10-12, to present a new holiday event.

"YULETIDE IN THE COUNTRY: A TOUR THROUGH CHRISTMAS PAST" wil transport you to a special place in time where the holiday customs and traditions of the 19th century will be vividly portrayed before your very eyes. Capture the cheer, rejoice in song and savor the sights and sounds, as you meet the families, citizens and villagers as they prepare to spend the night before Christmas.

"YULETIDE" dramatically acknowledges the contributions made by various nationalities to the evolution of America's Christmas observances. The specially designed tour will lead you through the village as you experience several live performances of holiday time activities from the merriment of the Hamilton House, to the silent night at the Log Cabin, to the music of choirs as it fills Brooks Grove Church.

Street theatre, carollers, and Mr. "C.J. Wood's" dancers will round out the celebration. See the Village as you have never seen it before... filled with the festive spirit of a 19th century Christmas.

Tour size is limited and advance reservations are required. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 through 17, children 5 and under are admitted free. Reservations forms and information are available by calling the museum at (716) 538-6822.