

Library news

Mike and Chris Albee's mini-cars on display

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The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is featuring some unique mini micro machines, borrowed from the collection of Mike Albee, who is nine years old and in fourth grade at Lake Noxen Elementary, and his brother, Chris, six and in Kindergarten at Lake Noxen. These are very tiny cars and trucks and are unique in that they do all sorts of wonderful things.

There is a red Ferrari that opens and closes doors along with its hood and trunk. The #5 car has lights that will go on. There are special pull backs - a black sports car and a blue, red and black sports car - so called because you can pull the wheels back and they will stay on hills without backing down. A red and white Corvette has a trunk, hood and doors that open; a blue Thunderbird also has doors that open and close.

Included in the display are two Lamborghinis. There are special fire engines with sprays on the sides, doors open and the ladders go up. There is a fire department building which includes a light inside and a Sightseer Restaurant with an elevator for the cars who want to park on the roof. There are helicopters with blades that turn. The fire department building can turn into a gasoline can.

The display includes a rather large Super City, loaded with cars and trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles. This folds up into a

worker's lunch box. There is an orange working machine that changes color and becomes purple. These are very interesting machines and have attracted a lot of attention in the short time they have been in the library. Come and see them before January 31.

The library is still selling library auction logo sweatshirts and our No. 1 front desk, super saleswoman, Jane, was rather proud of herself when she sold a sweatshirt to one of our regular patrons, Howard Grossman. The cause of the elation was the fact that she had been trying to convince him to buy one for over a year. These are very nice shirts and especially appreciated during the cold days of winter. I understand Mr. Grossman is very satisfied with his purchase. These may be purchased at the front desk at the library.

Some new Book Club purchases: "The Great Grave Robbery" by John Minahan is an exciting mystery of the greatest robbery on record which was attributed to industrial espionage and occurred in 1966 involving 36 vials of micro-organisms representing 12 years of research and development and valued at \$24 million. This is an in-depth mystery.

"Risks" by Margaret Bonanno is the story of Lynn Ann Loomis who lands in New York with two small children, a few dollars, and the business card of a fast-talker encountered at a conference in Chicago. The characters are filled with perception and knowledge.



New Boy Scout Troop to be organized

A new Boy Scout Troop, to be designated Troop 233, will be organized on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Shavertown United Methodist Church. Albert L. Karolchik has been named Scoutmaster. Jason Getz, Life Scout, will be an aide to the troop. Boys who are 11 years old or in the 6th grade or beyond are eligible to attend. Parents are

invited to attend the organizational meeting with their boys. Pictured are, from left, Kenneth Getz, parent; Jason Getz; Paster James Wert, Brian Karolchik, Frank Paczewski, church member and past president of Penn Mountains Council BSA; and Albert Karolchik. For further information, calls may be directed to Mr. Karolchik at 696-1061.

Prison

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Ryan told the members that due to the Camp Hill incident, Waymart opened sooner than expected and when it is fully occupied there will be a population of 1,000.

Ryan also answered questions on overtime and explained that all prisons operate under the same state labor contract and seniority is usually the issue for most overtime assignments.

Ryan explained that on December 16, officials met on the water project and are ready to do the test borings. The engineers will survey the route and by January 29, 1990, they must submit their drawings. Tentative arrangements are to go across Route 29, up Zbiek Road, and then the old Jackson Township road to the prison property. Ryan said there is one small problem - there is a small area of wetland in the planned route.

In addition to the water system, Phase II of the fence and lighting project has been approved and funded, as has another tower. A mental health facility has also been planned but has been postponed for the time being and Ryan said he doubts if that will every be built.

Ryan told members of the committee that the siren is complete and he would like to plan a general test of it for warm weather.

There are no new housing projects or additions planned for Chase, and according to Ryan any modulars in the future will be steel or concrete, not soft modulars of light wood and light metal construction.

Pat Rusiloski, president of the citizens' advisory committee, commended Superintendent Ryan for his daily calls made to the committee during the Camp Hill incident.

In closing, Ryan told the committee the prison population in the state will continue to increase. "When you hear of the war on drugs getting tougher, it means more and more people being committed to institutions," Ryan said. "You get a lot of people without hope and this is the beginning of trouble. That is what happened at Camp Hill," Ryan said.

State Representative George Hasay and Supt. Ryan chaired the meeting held Friday.

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