

Meningitis

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"In this particular case, before they knew that the child was sick, it was almost too late. It's hard to understand," he said.

Fortunately, it's very rare for meningococciemia to become an epidemic except in very closed populations such as military barracks, Dr. Landau said.

Bacterial meningitis is an infection and swelling of the central nervous system which attacks the membranes and fluid around the brain and spinal cord, according to the Mayo Clinic Family Health Book.

Five different germs can cause spinal meningitis, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Depending on the organism causing it, meningitis can be contagious, spreading through food, close contact or soiled articles such as babies' diapers.

Symptoms include a very sudden high fever, intense headache, nausea, vomiting, a stiff neck and occasionally a rash on the body.

Bacterial meningitis can also result from another infection, such as in the ears, sinuses or even an abscessed tooth.

Left untreated, it can cause permanent neurological damage resulting in deafness, blindness or mental retardation, and can be fatal.

Treatment usually includes oral

or intravenous antibiotics.

A second Trucksville child diagnosed with meningitis was infected by a different strain of bacteria, Dr. Landau said.

The boy, who is now recovering after hospitalization, was at a high risk to begin with because he has no spleen, Dr. Landau said.

The latest cases brought back memories of one in late January, when a Lake-Lehman student was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. He was Life-Flighted to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, where he was successfully treated.

"There's a large fear factor with meningitis," said epidemiologist Dr. Hugh Mainzer of the Pennsylvania Department of Health in Harrisburg. "It's like rabies—many people are worried about it but very few actually get it."

"We can't consider two or three cases to be a pocket or outbreak unless we're sure that the same bacterium caused them," he said.

Although meningitis cases must be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Dr. Mainzer said that his office hasn't received any evidence of increased cases.

"We can only go by what's reported to us," he said. "For example, if a patient is diagnosed and treated at an out-of town

hospital, it can change the statistics in the patient's home county."

"We're usually more worried about the highly contagious but preventable childhood diseases like measles, which all children should be vaccinated for," Dr. Mainzer said. "Basically, the best rule is to take a sick child to a doctor as soon as possible and keep him home to prevent exposing others to the illness."

"Although we certainly don't want to see any deaths, these cases aren't any different from any other year," Dr. Landau said. "There is no epidemic. Parents shouldn't assume that just because their child has a runny nose, that it's meningitis."

Basic hygiene can go a long way in preventing the spread of any childhood illness, Dr. Landau said.

If your child is sick, keep him home. Wash your hands and your child's hands frequently and well.

Dr. Landau advised parents to watch children for a fever lasting several days which isn't getting any better, sudden high fever, bad headaches, dizziness, lethargy, a cold with vomiting, or the child obviously not himself, even when not feeling well.

"Don't change your thinking on when it's appropriate to call your family doctor," he said.



Learning new skills

Members of the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company recently held a joint practice session with Franklin Township and Franklin-Northmoreland fire companies on using special equipment to rescue persons trapped in vehicles in accidents.

Trash price

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designed to help families on fixed incomes who have trouble paying their trash bills.

For one person, the new income level has increased \$1,849, to \$10,456, with \$2,460 added for every additional person in the household.

Families whose incomes fall within these guidelines and whose applications have been approved by DAMA, will have a 30 percent reduction in their yearly garbage fee.

The \$37.33 discount will be split by DAMA, the hauler and the resident's municipality.

"We have thoroughly checked Wayne-Pike's references and have followed their trucks making their rounds to watch them working, but we can only make recommendations," Bagley said. "We're only the agent. It's up to the municipalities to make the final decision."

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\$1,550 for scramblers for the police radios, \$50,000 for road resurfacing and donations of \$4,500 for equipment and \$2,000 for fuel to Shavertown and Trucksville fire companies and the Kingston Township ambulance.

The supervisors will be paid \$25 each for 12 regular meetings, 12 caucus meetings and 10 special meetings, or \$850 for the year.

In his annual budget message, Box wrote that Kingston Township is financially very stable and has managed to grow through the recent weak economic climate.

UGI files for 6.7% hike in electric rates Dec. 1

UGI Utilities, Inc., Electric Utility Division announces that it has filed today with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for an annual increase of \$4.2 million in base rates, which would result in a 6.7% increase in annual revenues. If approved by the PUC, the proposed increase would become effective December 1, 1993.

In 1992, the PUC granted UGI a rate increase which raised residential customer bills 3.02% effective January 1, 1993. That base rate increase was the first for UGI since 1982.

Mark R. Dingman, vice president and general manager of UGI's

Electric Utility Division, said, "The continued rise in the cost of providing safe and reliable electric service, coupled with investments in modern equipment and facilities, have forced UGI to seek this modest increase."

If approved by the PUC, the average monthly bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity would increase from \$44.86 to \$46.90 per month, or approximately 7 cents a day.

UGI provides electric service to approximately 60,000 customers in portions of Luzerne and Wyoming counties.



NANCY HENRY-KLINE

Award-winning poet will read, sign her work

Award-winning poet Nancy Henry-Kline will read her poetry, and sign *Into the Limerick Grove* and *When Butterflies Come* at Page-By-Page Bookstore, 69 Main Street, Luzerne, on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

She is one of 11 contributors to *Into the Limerick Grove*, an anthology of limericks published by Zapizdat Publications. One of her poems appears in *When Butterflies Come*, the 1993 anthology of the Haiku Society of America.

In 1992 Henry-Kline was selected to participate in the prestigious Writers on Writing Program at Barnard College in New York City. She has also studied with Karen Blomain, J.C. Todd, Thomas Lux, Walt Franklin and Lynn Emanuel.

She serves as vice president of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society, and is a member of the advisory board of the Mulberry Poets and Writers Association, Scranton.

Her poetry has also been published in *Prize Poems* (PA Poetry Society, 1993); "Möbius" poetry magazine; "The Pentatette" (newsletter of a Mensa Special Interest Group) and "Reminisce" magazine. She is a resident of Larksville.

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