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he said. "Now she teaches hockey at a private school and is a freelance illustrator in San Francisco."

While growing up, Beth loved to pop in to visit children's librarian Marilyn Rudolph and check out the books in the children's section of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

"She really loved her books," Mrs. Rudolph said. "She read a great variety of things - lots of fiction. Beth shared lots of time with me – she was a vivacious girl. If there was a task to be done, she'd lend a hand, especially during auction time. She was a big help during our move 10 years ago to our present building from the old buildings on Main Street."

Dr. Scott's wife, Connie, shared an anecdote about Beth's love of the library and its staff and their love for her.

When Mrs. Florence Crump was the children's librarian, chairman of the book booth and First Lady of the Library, Beth had painted a watercolor picture as a special Christmas gift for her.

"After Mrs. Crump moved into The Meadows, her house and effects were sold," Connie Scott said. "We had gone to the house before the sale and while exploring an upstairs room, found Beth's painting on top of a stack of things. Of course we bought it.'

Edgar's Wild Day isn't Beth's first illustration project, Dr. Scott said. Last year she co-illustrated a book which was featured at a New York toy show.

Edgar's Wild Day is a fun book, packed with brightly colored, extremely detailed drawings, which readers explore to find various objects. A simple device on the side of the page produces noises which match the illustrations.

Only four people know which illustration includes Beth's good friend, Lynn Matus, hidden in a group of people. Hint: Lynn is wearing a bright green swimsuit.

"That's Beth's unique sense of humor," Dr. Scott chuckled.

Beth will return to the Back Mountain for a visit and her July 1 wedding to New Jersey native Dennis Powers, an architect. She has designed her own bridal gown and that of maid of honor Lynn Matus.

Lunch plan

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Dallas serves 1,595 lunches each day. The senior high school doesn't participate in the National School Lunch program, choosing instead to replace the standard Type A lunch (entree, milk, veggies and dessert) with an a la carte menu, from which students may order a variety of sandwiches, drinks and desserts.

Of the high school's 734 students, about 600 buy lunch, Neare said.

"More students use the a la carte plan than ever bought Type A lunches," she said. "They like it better.

Dallas contracts its food service to the Marriott Corporation.

Both districts receive 23¢ from the state and federal governments for each lunch served, an additional \$1.41 for each reduced rate lunch and \$1.81 for each free lunch served. Students on reduced rate lunches pay 40¢ per meal.

Lunch costs \$1.25 at Lake-Lehman and \$1.40 at Dallas, with elementary students lunches running 10¢ less.

Reduction or elimination of the school nutrition programs could cause lunch prices to rise, Neare said.

Schools must balance nutrition, cost

Man doesn't live by pizza, chicken nuggets, spaghetti and tacos alone, but it's tough to convince the students there's anything else in the world to eat.

'Our biggest challenge is meeting the students' standards while providing satisfying, nutritious and cost-effective meals for them," Neare said. "We're trying to encourage good nutrition and educate the students about it, but serving them low-fat food won't do a bit of good if they won't eat it."

Both Neare and Coolbaugh said they want to feed the students what they like to eat but must also design their menus around budgets and federal nutritional guidelines.

For example, the recent floods in California have caused prices of fresh vegetables to rise, making salads more expensive, Neare said.

Food services can make up for the increased costs either by substituting other foods or by using lower quality foods, she added.

"We won't use low-quality foods," Neare said. "Marriott is known for its high-quality foods. We'll substitute other foods which meet the students' and our standards but are also nutritious and costeffective. We won't consider buying inferior foods instead, just to say we offer them.'

By 1996 the government's dietary guidelines will require foods to be as low in fat as possible, presenting yet another challenge for food services.

The kids love corn and any type of potato, especially mashed or French fries," Neare said. "Our best sellers are chicken nuggets, tacos, spaghetti and pizza, but we want to give the students as much variety and good mutrition as possible."

If the block grants survive the senate, it's hard to say how they'll affect the school lunch programs, Coolbaugh said.

"Within each block grant program, up to 20 percent of the total funding may be moved to the other block grant, which could take money from school nutrition programs and allocate it elsewhere."

Funding of school nutrition programs will be based on the percent of meals served, with part of the allocation based on the state's overall ranking in the nation.

"By 2000, up to 40 percent of the funding will depend solely on Pennsylvania's national ranking, which could cause many schools to drop out of the school lunch program and further reduce the state's ranking," Coolbaugh said.

"There's no guaranteed increase of funding just because your area is serving more free lunches due to economic hardships - natural disasters or workers losing their jobs. It doesn't mean more funding will come in to pay for school lunches because all funding will be capped. It's scary."

In the confusing and seemingly contradictory world of block grants, there are no standardized federal rules. Each state will design its own block grant regulations, which could result in watereddown programs created to accomodate less funding.

The block grant program will require that nine percent of the funding is used to purchase food items, which are presently reimbursed under a separate federal program.

Coolbaugh isn't sure the block grant program is completely organized yet. It needs lots of work before it's enacted, she said.

Students who could, don't use program

Not all students who qualify for the subsidized lunches take advantage of them, Neare and Coolbaugh said.

Both districts use lunch tickets, which are sold ahead of time. Students give the cashier a ticket instead of money for their lunches.

It's impossible to tell who is eating a free, reduced or purchased lunch because all the tickets are identical except for a special code.

Only the cashier knows who gets a subsidized lunch.

Still, pride can make a student reluctant to give his or her name when getting subsidized lunch tickets. Or the students may be afraid their friends will find out they're on the federal lunch program. Others simply don't like the food.

Some senior high students will buy only a drink and French fries or fruit, which Neare and Coolbuagh can't count as an entire meal.

"I have worked here for 20 years and know many of us believe in the National School Lunch Program," Coolbaugh said. "In some cases, these lunches are probably the only decent meal the children will have all day that we know of. Good nutrition is a valuable part of education - it affects school attendance and students' attention spans. Anything which affects the nutrition programs is cause for concern."



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In memoriam

Someone placed a bouquet of flowers and a vigil light at the site of the automobile accident that claimed the life of David C. Rhodes March 20. Obituary, page 12.

Kelly rally set

The Committee to elect Ed Kelly Commissioner will hold a rally on April 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Post Home, Route 415 Harveys Lake.

Kelly is running for Luzerne County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket. Refreshments will be served at the rally. Everyone is invited.

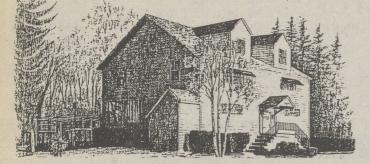
Frances Slocum Park meeting changed

The location and time of the March 30 public meeting on the Frances Slocum State Park Resource Management Plan have been changed. The meeting will be held March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fortinsky Auditorium of the Technology Center at the Penn State Campus in Lehman.



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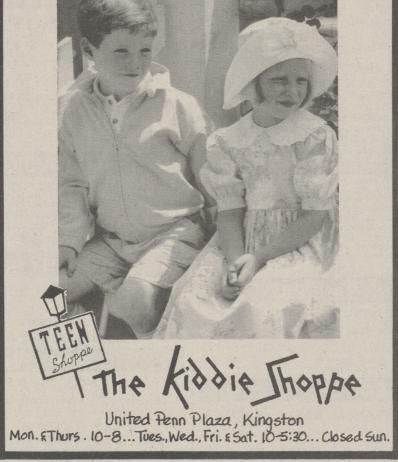
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