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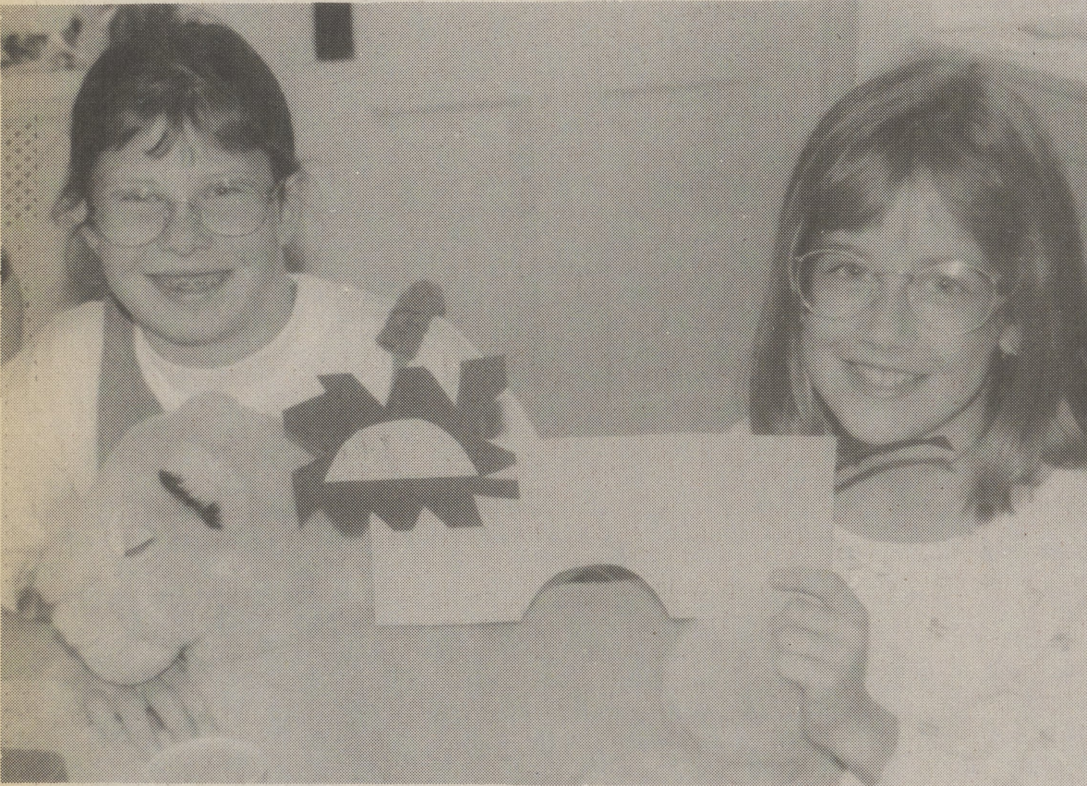
Bible school at Lehman United Methodist Church focused on Noah's Ark last week. Children (and adults) enjoyed creating their own presentation of the biblical story.



Susan Snyder, surrounded by the occupants of Noah's Ark.



Leading the camp were Jamie Kuhns, Tabitha Beck, Lydia Ngoni, Ashley Yanchick, Janet Eddy, John Dawe, Rev. Richard Santirrella, Sandy Lawery and Carla Decker.



With an animal friend, Lauren Lipski, left, and Kristin Summa.



Rebecca Stull, proud of her creation.

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Sewage

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When Princess died June 22, Gert couldn't even bury her where she wanted to. When she started to dig the grave she unearthed a large white plastic pipe running along the rear of her property.

"I cut the pipe and capped it shut," she said. But she hasn't noticed any difference in the amount of water running into the yard.

Dallas Area Municipal Authority manager Tom Bagley inspected her yard and had the sewer system dye tested. His lines aren't leaking, he said.

Inspections by supervisors Doug Ide and Ray Iwanowski only proved the water didn't result from a drainage problem.

"She's in a low spot. A culvert once ran through her yard but it's blocked off now," Ide said.

Both he and former roadmaster Paul Goodwin noted her neighbor to the rear used to discharge the backwash from his swimming pool



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

Oak Hill resident Gert Evans found this white plastic pipe, which she cut and capped, running underground through her back yard.

into the sewer lines, but has stopped doing it. The water isn't coming from the pool, they said.

Iwanowski said Oak Hill's sewers were installed in 1987 to replace malfunctioning on-site septic units whose drainage fields often blocked up. The owners had to have them pumped out frequently, sometimes as often as four times a year.

"Many owners devised creative hookups to reroute their gray water from the septic units to try and alleviate the problem," Iwanowski said. "They ran their washing machine discharge hoses out into the gutter or to another place in the yard."

When the homes changed hands the new owners may not have known about them. Evans may not be the only one at Oak Hill with this problem.

"It's possible people could still be improperly hooked up to the sewer and not know it," Iwanowski

added. "It's also possible she could be getting runoff from an old septic unit. It could take 10 to 20 years for the stuff to leach out from one of those things."

Iwanowski said sewage enforcement officer Frank Eginsky had tested some of the water in Evans's yard and found fecal coliform, an indicator of sewage. Eginsky will have to do further tests to try and find the source of the runoff, Iwanowski said.

Eginsky was not available for comment.

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Ray Iwanowski
Lehman Twp. supervisor

Blood drive July 8 at Harveys Lake

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive July 8, at Our Lady of Victory Church, RD 1, Box 309, Harveys Lake, 1-6 p.m.

Australian artist exhibits locally

Artist Margo Vigorito will host her first American exhibition in the Back Mountain. She has completed 45 works in several mediums and will display them at The Waterlily, 4 South Main Street, Shavertown, July 7, 1 to 5 p.m., running through July 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Margo, who came from Australia five years ago, earned two prizes in the Wilkes-Barre Fine Arts Fiesta. She lives and teaches from her home in Harveys Lake.

For more information call The Waterlily, 696-0918.

Legion Post 672 to meet July 12

Daddow Isaacs Post 672, the American Legion will meet at the Post Home July 12 at 8 p.m. On the agenda is the certification of the June election for officers of the legion and directors of the Home Association.

Shavertown church welcomes new pastors

Families and friends of the Shavertown United Methodist Church are invited to meet the church's new pastors at their first Sunday service at 10 a.m. on July 7. The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service will meet as usual. The Revs. Douglas and Janet Clark, who come to Shavertown from Apalachin, N.Y. are graduates of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. and have been pastors for 13 years.

They have two children Elizabeth, 8 and Bryant, 5.

Budget

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tion is not always readily available," Rhodes said.

Rhodes pointed out another advantage. "If we get this new system up and running, it will be easier for the administration to run their own buildings."

Dave Kaufman voted no to the 23/18 mill hike because, he said, "I was looking for additional cuts throughout the entire budget that didn't materialize. My decision wasn't solely based on the three aspects we discussed that night."

Kaufman, who said he supported maintaining the elementary gifted program at some level, suggested modifying the three projects to a lower cost.

However, he added, "I give credit to the administration for the cuts they did achieve — it was a significant reduction. Another good thing to come of this is that the administration will change to using the line item method."

Kaufman, who voted no along with the minority, said "I'm not trying to put myself in one camp or another. I'm trying to balance the best interests of the taxpayers and the public with the board and the students. I'm trying to represent the best interests of my constituents."

The board voted to place various possible revenues, refunds, and dividends which were not budgeted into a reserve account to be used in the 1997-98 budget. They include:

- real estate taxes as a result of

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School board member

the reassessment on the Huntsville Golf Club

- additional state subsidies not yet finalized

- upfront savings on interest from refunding general obligation bonds

- dividends and refunds on insurances

"I'm planning to put together a monthly report for the board meetings which will tell what we have gotten from savings and transferred to this reserve account. That way, any extra money can't be used for other projects," said Bowersox.

"That reserve would wind up as fund balance and open up the 1997-98 year."

However, the 1996-97 budget, which began with a deficit of \$269,209 and no fund balance, does not provide for early retirement incentives for 1997 retirees.

"Since we made no provisions for 1997 early retirements, we've got a big bill waiting to be covered, let alone any other items that come up," said Bowersox.

Kennel Club to host AKC show July 14

The Back Mountain Kennel Club will hold an AKC sanctioned B and OB match July 14 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds. Registration is 9-10:30 a.m. and judging starts at 10:30. For more information call 675-3752, 822-5517 or 472-3163.

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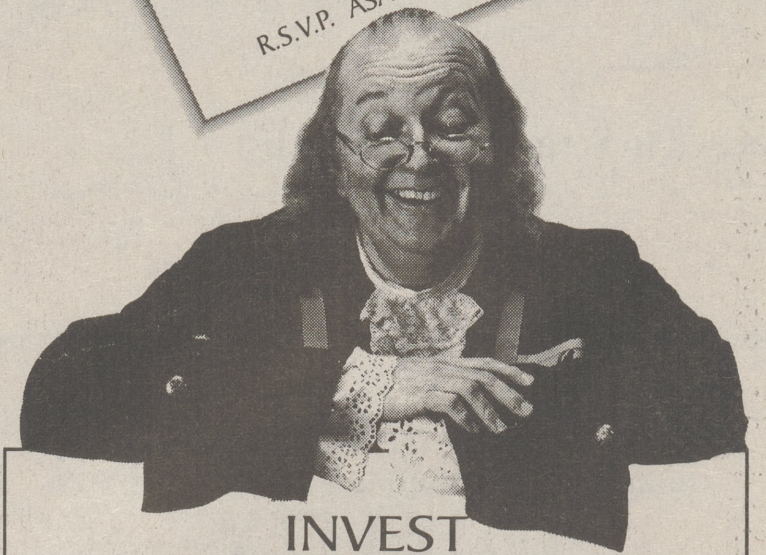
The family of Sr. Mary Brendan/McNamara would like to thank the Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Convent in Dallas and Scranton, and all who gave us words of encouragement, sent cards, and condolences during our time of sorrow at the loss of our sister.

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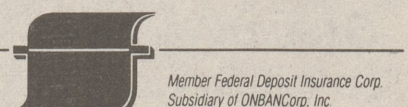
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