

Trucker

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equipped with direct satellite communications to the main office. His wife Diane explained that she can call the office anytime and the call is directly transferred to the truck cab.

The life of a truck driver is certainly not always so safe and certain. Mary Foltz, the first grade teacher who arranged for this meeting between the children and their trucking buddy, passed around a picture of the truck with its windshield smashed by a rock thrown from an overpass. First grader Greg Heindel wonders exactly what work the trucker really does, "like do you have to unload the truck?"

Lake Noxen's #1 Trucker Buddy, Frederici is burly and somewhat gruff, but eagerly poses for some group pictures. Gingerly and tenderly he scoops up Leigh Ann Kern, plops her in his lap, and — obviously reveling in the moment — plays windmill with her arms. "Do you even wear a t-shirt in winter" the kids want to know. "Sometimes," Wayne replies.

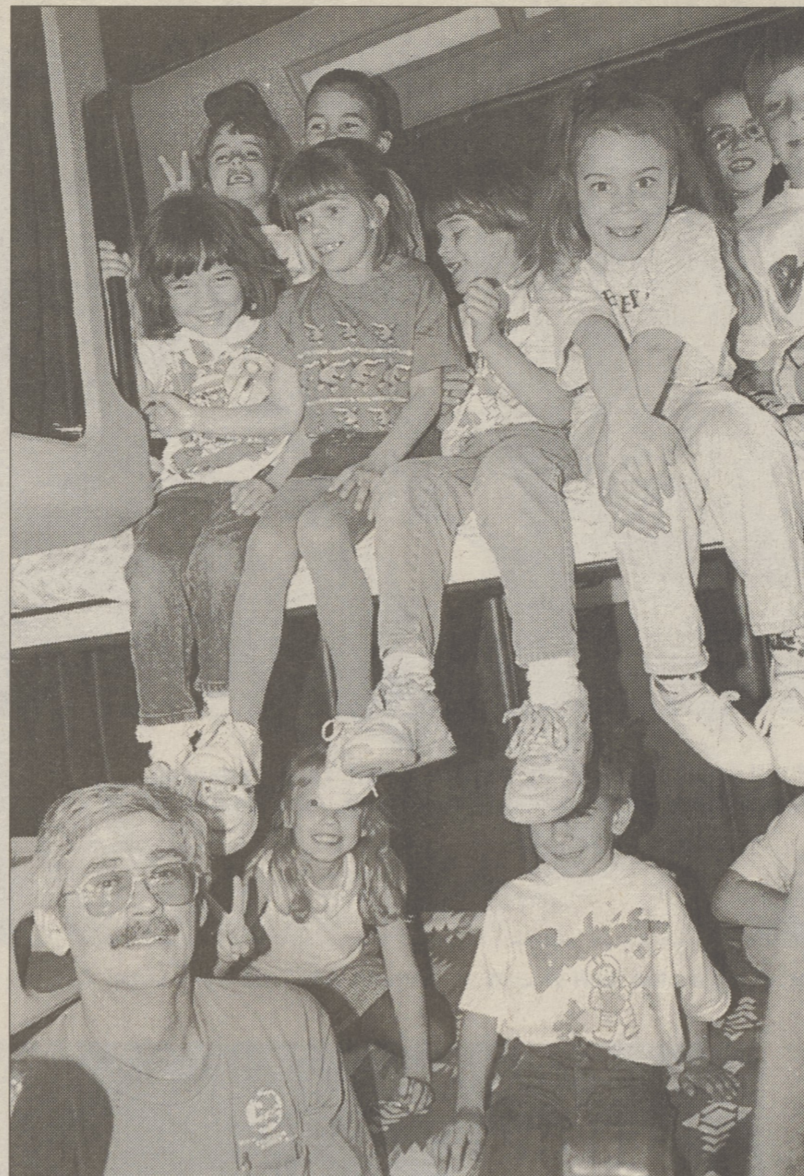
The class then marches outside to inspect quite closely the jazzy royal blue truck cab that Wayne calls home most of the week. He piles the children high in the top bunk, then fills the bottom bunk and snuggles between them. Wayne takes out his camera and insists that he take all "his" pictures first. There is special and close feeling he has for these children.

The children climb out of the cab safely now always remembering to exit back first and keeping contact with at least three points of the cab for safety. "But just how fast can this truck go?" asks Deanna Dragon. "Always under 59 miles an hour" replies Wayne. He gets an extra five cents per mile for monitored trips under 59 miles per hour.

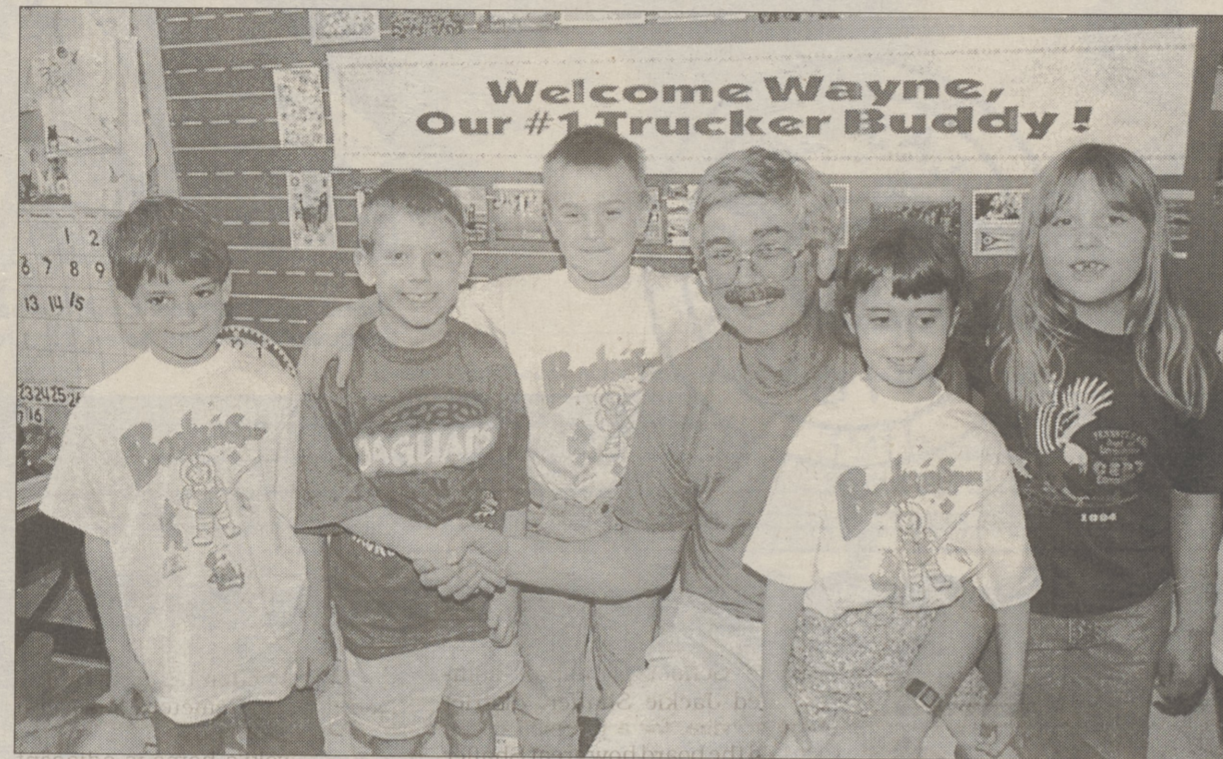
The children, now satisfied, say goodbye to Wayne Frederici, their #1 Trucker Buddy from Gibson, Pa. (He's just north of Scranton on I-81.)

Clockwise from right: Checking out the cab, from left, lower row; Wayne Frederici, Courtney Gleco, Andrew Brooks. Up in the bunk; Alyssa Boston, Kirsten Jackson, Tiffany Hooker, Adrian Erdman, Abigail Nalbene, Kelly Evans, Zachery McMillen. With their Number One Trucker Buddy, from left; Brian Shurmanek, Jay Kaminski, John Parsons, Wayne Frederici, Leigh Ann Kern, Ellen Williams. John Parsons got a close look at the big rig's cab.

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Lehman UM

Vacation Bible School

Lehman United Methodist Church announces their dates for Vacation Bible School. It will be held Mon. June 16-Fri., June 20. Times will be 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This year's theme: "Occupations of the Bible"

Lessons will be on cloth specialists, fishermen, tax collectors, vineyard workers and pottery makers. Children nursery age to sixth grade are invited. All others are invited to assist with recess, classes, or kitchen duties. Com and join us. For more information, call 675-0939.

St. John's Boys' Choir to perform

The St. John's Boys' Choir of Collegeville, Minnesota, will visit Northeastern Pennsylvania to present a varied program of vocal music on Sat., June 14 at 7 p.m. at the Mercy Center Chapel, Dallas. The concert is free and open to the public; a free will offering will be taken.

In addition to their concert on Sat., June 14, the St. John's Boys' Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass in the Mercy Center Chapel on Sun., June 15.

For more information, call Gail Smallwood at 674-6372.

L-L Junior honor pictures are available

The Lake Lehman National Junior Honor Society pictures for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade inductees are in. They may be picked up at the Middle Level Educational Building any weekday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



Troop 281 partake in spring cleaning

Members of Troop 281 put in some community service time helping local churches do spring clean-up. They helped at both Trucksville U.M. Church and Dallas U.M. Church. Shown after cleaning up the Dallas U.M. Church are M. Darling, R. Stredny, M. Miller, B. Downey, J. Bednash, J. Holdredge, T. Van Horn, D. Neiman, E. Kowalek, D. Kowalek, C. Riley. Leaders: S. Bednash and D. Neiman.

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Tickets are now on sale for the 9th Annual Duck Derby benefiting the American Cancer Society. You can purchase tickets by calling the American Cancer Society or by visiting one of our direct sale sites. T-shirts will also be on sale at these sites. Locations and time are:

Meadows Nursing Home Flea Market, 55 West Center Hill Road, Dallas, June 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Franklin First, Shavertown Office, Dallas Memorial Highway, Shavertown; Dallas Office, Rt. 309, Upper Demunds Rd., Dallas. (Most

branches are open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri. and 9 a.m. to noon, Sat.)

Ducks are \$5 each and all monies are contributed to the local unit of our American Cancer Society here in Luzerne County. There are hundreds of prizes to be given away to the first 100 or more ducks that make it down the mighty Susquehanna River.

Buy a duck today and get ready to cheer for your duck on July 4. The race begins at noon on the Pierce Street Bridge and finishes at the Market Street Bridge.

Sierra Club outdoor events in June

Join the Sierra Club on June 15 for a mountain bike ride! A great season warm up of approximately 16 miles to a mountain springs lake. Trails are moderate and are located in state gamelands near Noxen. Bring plenty of water and lunch for a stop and dip in the lake. Helmets are mandatory. Meet at the Ramada Inn Scranton, off I-81 at 9:30 a.m. in the upper parking lot.

Join the Sierra Club on the fourth, of a series of hikes on the Loysock Trail, which runs 59.28 magnificent miles through PA's Wyoming State Forest near World's End State Park. This hike will be eight miles. Strenuous, sturdy hiking boots and good physical condition are required. Bring a hearty lunch and plenty of water. Meet at the Ramada Inn Scranton, off I-81 at 8:15 a.m. in the upper parking lot, or the bank parking lot behind Friendly's Restaurant on Route 309 in Dallas at 9 a.m. on Sun., June 29. The public is invited. For information, call Bob at 388-2418.

Wandall descendants plan reunion June 21

The descendants of Harriet B. Wandall (1851-1938) have set the date of Sat. June 21, for the 14th annual Wandall family reunion. The reunion will be held at Frances Slocum State Park, pavilion 3. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish which will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The annual Wandall auction will be held at 3 p.m. with a brief meeting to follow. Family members are also asked to bring any pictures they may have, any history they could share, and change of addresses for those who may have moved away.

For further information, please contact Pamela Houck, 696-4127, 170 Blueberry Hill Road, Shavertown, PA 18708, or Kimberly Suppon, 675-778, RD 1, Dallas, PA 18612.

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