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Customers say it's a leak, water company says a spring

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KINGSTON TWP. - Customers of National Utilities, Inc. (NUI) are once again frustrated by the level of service provided by the water company.

People who live in Midway Manor say a water main break has been flooding their lawns for

two weeks. After digging in one man's backyard, NUI said they believe the constant flow of water is coming from a new spring. Neighbors say they've heard this "excuse" one too many times.

"Last year there was a water main break across the street and they said it was a spring at first," said Charles Gemberling of Woodbine Rd., who has a stream of

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Charles Gemberling
Midway Manor

water flowing along his property line.

Gemberling, who has lived in

Midway Manor for 25 years, said he's never seen anything like the amount of water that has been

flooding his yard and spilling out onto the street for the past two weeks. His neighbor dug a small trench for the stream to flow through to the gutter.

NUI dug in Gemberling's lawn last week to search for the leak. When they did not find it, they told Gemberling it was probably a spring, he said. They said they would be back later to look again.

Gemberling has a sump pump to keep water out of his basement. "It's usually quiet this time of year. Now it's running every 20 minutes," he said. So far, the water has stayed out of his basement.

Not so for Lee Jones, who lives one house away from Gemberling.

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Eagle Scout candidate spruces up library room

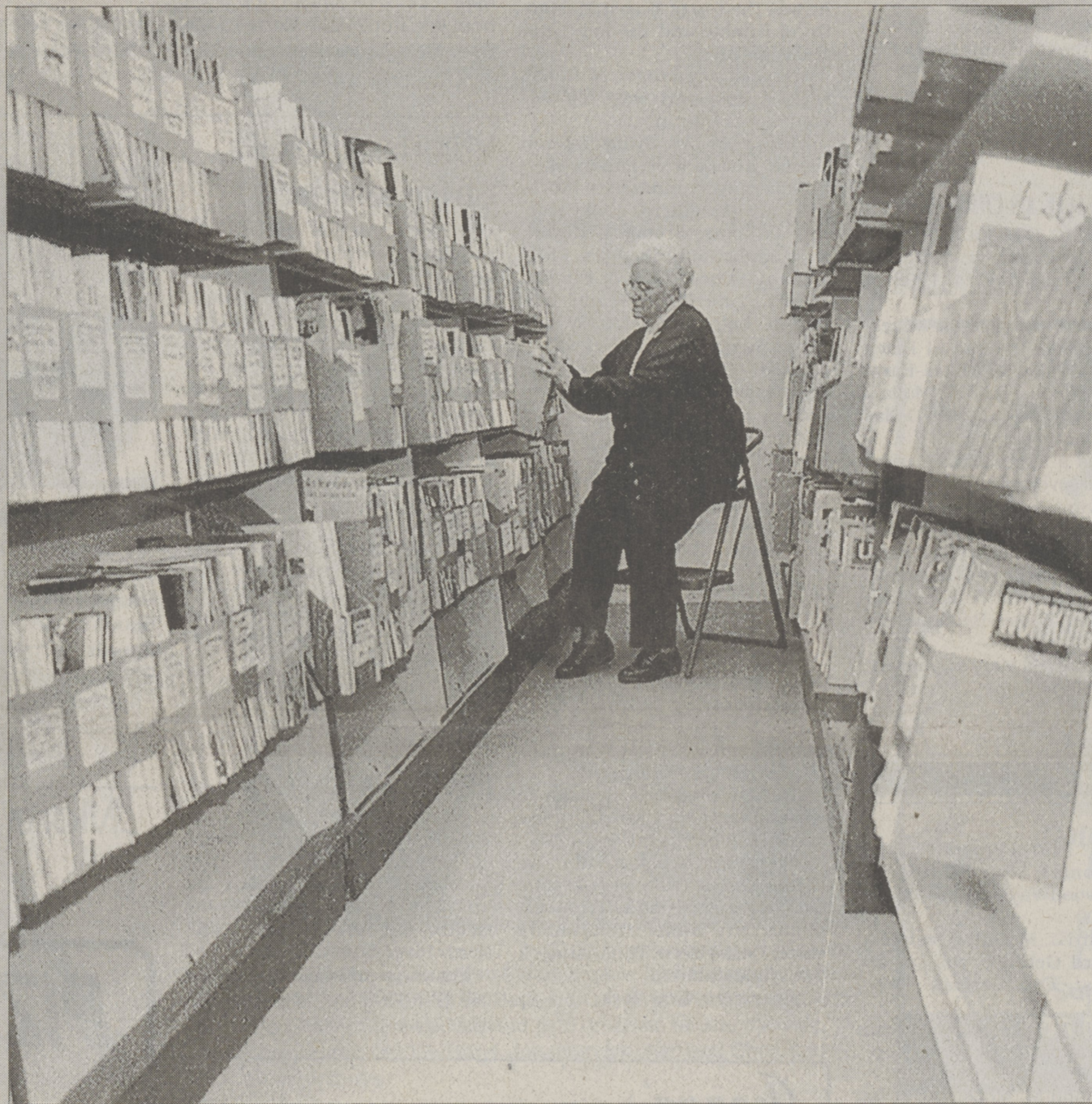
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DALLAS - When the dust clears, the carpets are laid, and the final coats of paint are slapped on, the Back Mountain Memorial Library will have a bright new periodicals room, thanks to the efforts of Jonathan Meehan, 17, of Trucksville.

"He's done a wonderful job, working hard, arranging details, painting, plastering, realigning shelves," and refurbishing an existing room in the library's basement, said Martha Butler, library director. The periodicals room contains 153 magazine titles that are two years or more old. Current issues and newspapers are kept upstairs in the reference area.

Jonathan chose this very unglamorous project to fulfill his leadership requirement to earn Eagle Scout designation. "It's been a challenge. I've learned from it," he said. "I wouldn't head up a project like this again. It's a lot of responsibility." But he proudly posed in front of a ragged unpainted, unfinished portion of the old school wall to illustrate the difference the work has made.

Jonathan has had a lot of help. Chris Young, a younger member of Trucksville United Methodist's Boy Scout Troop #155, at the library on a Saturday to help complete



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Millie Zaremba filled up the shelves in the newly refurbished periodicals room at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

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Lake-Lehman class gets a response from White House

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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LEHMAN TWP. - A new Contemporary Issues class at Lake-Lehman High School helps make students more aware of the world around them.

Discussion of the Chinese government's siege on Tibet prompted the students to write a letter to President Bill Clinton condemning the situation. To their surprise, the President responded within three weeks. His letter acknowledged their concerns and applauded the students for their efforts.

"No one knows about this. That is the ultimate reason (why we wrote the letter). We wanted to let the people in Washington know that we knew about it and cared about what is going on in Tibet," said Mike Albee.

Darby Wolfe could not believe such violations of human rights were occurring. "I was shocked over the lack of human rights. I was shocked nothing was being done about it and that China didn't care," she said.

One student felt solutions were not being pursued because of pure capitalism. "It's capitalism. Everything is for money. They (world powers) don't want to mess with China because it's going to be a big power," said Micah Hendershot.

Alex Coveleski, who was hired specifically to teach this class, gave his students the idea to write the President. "They really wanted to express their opin-

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Program cures Dallas Elementary School students of 'TV itis'

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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DALLAS - With small, hollowed out creamer containers as eyes, paper cups as ears and a folded paper plate as a mouth, Jamie introduces fourth and fifth graders to a world where imagination reigns.

He warms up the crowd with a game of imaginary catch. Amid the sea of dancing hands, Jamie picks one and whizzes an implied curve ball. The catcher, a fourth grade girl with gusto, flings the ball back and is beside herself with laughter as Jamie is forced to take the invisible ball out of his mouth where it has landed.

Jamie is the main character in, "Imagine If with Jamie," a show aimed not only to entertain, but to encourage kids to turn on their minds instead of the television.

"Imagine If" was performed for Dallas Elementary students Jan. 14 by Michael Orth, a New York City based actor. The show was sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). With a background in children's and community theater, Orth has performed the show for nearly three years.

"I enjoy performing in the schools and really enjoy the audience," he said. "Kids in elementary school are fun because they are ready to take a roller coaster ride with you. They are willing to be respectful and have fun."

And have fun they did as Jamie mesmerized the audience with an impromptu musical number made possible with two one liter plastic soda bottles that were casually setting on the stage. He had the

entire audience following his lead and clapping out intricate beats.

Jamie shares his story with the group of fresh faces. He found he had "T.V. itis," a disorder that suppresses the imagination. So, his mother took him to the "imaginologist" for treatment. The "doctor" suggested that he only

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Bridget Major
Fourth grade

watch five shows on t.v. a week and use his imagination to entertain himself the rest of the time; and that's just what he did.

He made hats out of bowls, antennas out of plastic forks and spindly fingers out of cigar cases.

Orth said the program is designed to show kids they can have

fun with everyday found objects and a little creativity. "We want to show them the possibilities in a plastic bottle or a paper cup."

Jamie found a bright pink donut shaped item and asked the kids to use their imagination and tell him what it could be. Everything from hat to skirt to record were suggested. Jamie was surprised that one astute student knew what a record was.

The PTO thought "Imagine If" sounded like a good idea when a brochure arrived in the mail. "This is supposed to supplement education. It's a fun program with an educational intent beyond the classroom experience," said Margie Esopi of the PTO. "I really enjoy seeing the kids respond to the performance."

After taking the "Pledge of Imagination" and giving Jamie one last bravo, the students left to go back to their classrooms and ponder what they had just seen. As they left, it was obvious Jamie's message got through.

Nick Onzik said he thought the program was funny and that he will use his imagination more.

"I liked it a lot. I'm not going to watch t.v. so much," said Bridget Major, fourth grade.

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Margie Esopi
Dallas Elementary PTO



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"Imagine If" brought Dallas Elementary students into the act last week. From left, Mary Moore, Robert Santillare, Ashley Ide and Melissa Evans, with "Jamie" the presenter behind.

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