

## Magic

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a sense of humor. KC & Company agreed to help a friend and performed for a group at a nursing home that gave them no response. "A lot of the adrenalin (you get from performing) comes from the audience's feedback," explained Mrs. Culver. They performed the next day at the same home and got terrific feedback.

The couple's award winning stage performance is a comedic routine with 1950's flair. Complete with poodle skirt and leather, the two play Sonny and Cher to each other with magic looping it all together.

"It's about a magician who comes into a diner and tries to impress a girl with magic," explained Mr. Culver. Does it work?

"Yes," replies Mrs. Culver, "at the very end," she said with a smirk. The parents of three rehearse their shows in the living room. The nice, comfortable room with photos of family and friends on the walls is transformed into a stage.

"Sometimes the kids get tired of it. The youngest, Keith Jr., gets tired of me trying tricks on him," said Mr. Culver, with a laugh. Keith Jr. is 12, "Shooter" is 16 and Shelby is 18 and just left for Johnson Bible College.

The Culvers are members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) and the Society of American Magicians (SAM). Mr. Culver is the president of the local SAM group. Both groups meet the first Thursday of every month at the Mark II Family Restaurant in Moosic at 7:30 p.m.

"There are a lot of magicians in northeast Pennsylvania," said Mr. Culver, who urges anyone with

interest in magic to come to the meetings. Between 20 and 25 people show up every month, although there are 50 active members.

"We're growing. I know there are a lot more out there. We want to get the community to know that if they have an interest in magic and are willing to hold up the code of ethics, they should come to the meetings. You don't have to perform if you don't want to."

A code of ethics is very strong in the magic community. The Fox Network program that appeared last year, in which a masked magician gives away some secrets, sparked a quiet letter writing campaign to the show's sponsors.

"Fifty percent of the sponsors stopped supporting the show," said Culver. "There has been a lot of discussion about that. There is a code of ethics in magic just like in any other profession."

But even with the show, people still want to see magic performed. The local IBM and SAM groups often help local organizations, such as the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, raise money.

"It's clean fun," said Mrs. Culver. The couple even performs gospel magic at local churches, in which they throw a gospel theme in with some tricks.

The two wish they could perform magic full time. Keith Culver has worked for Proctor & Gamble for 20 years, and Linda works for Renee's Romper Room in Sweet Valley.

For more information on the local magicians' group or to contact KC & Company, call 639-2731.



Diehard volunteers of the Lake Township voluntary recycling program. From left, foreground, Patrick Chocallo, Justin Chocallo. Behind, Bertha Williams, Beth Chocallo, Joanne Wascalus, Bob VanGorder, Annabell Allen and Sasha Allen.

## Recycling

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volunteered. I'm very concerned about the environment. Irene used the phrase, 'We all live down stream.' And that's true."

Bob VanGorder believes in setting a good example for the next generation. "It's important to teach the new generation about the environment. I hate to see stuff thrown out on the roads.

Maybe if people know there is a place to take it (for free), they'll take it here," he said. The volunteers perform road clean-ups three times a year.

Beth Chocallo agrees. "It is important what you teach your kids. To have a program like this in town is beneficial because the kids can see (recycling) first hand,"

she said.

Chocallo added that recycling is not only good for the environment, but saves money. "I went from having three trash bags to one when I started recycling. It saves paying the hauler for extra bags."

To volunteer or for more information, call 477-2479.

## Dallas Women's Club will meet Sept. 11

The Dallas Area Federated Women's Club will hold their "Welcome Back" Fall meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Appletree Terrace at 7 p.m.

Officers for the 1998-99 club year are president, Lesley Douglas; vice president, Gail Gammage; secretary, Susan Dauksis and treasurer, Shirley Smith.

## Lehman Twp. tax rebates end Sept. 12

Lehman Township Tax Collector, Peggy Moyer, reminds all property owners and residents that rebate value on 1998 school property and per capita tax bills will end on Sat., Sept. 12. All payments made prior to the close of the tax collector's office hours, and those postmarked on or before the Sept. 12 headline, will be accepted at rebate value.

Any person paying by mail should enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a paid receipt.

Office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the last three days of rebate value, Sept. 10, 11 and 12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Dallas school tax rebates end Sept. 16

Rebate Value for Dallas School District will end Wednesday, Sept. 16. Office will be closed Sept. 12.

Face Value for Dallas School Taxes and Penalty Collection for County/Municipal Taxes, Monday and Wednesday, the last week of September. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, the last week of October. November 9, 14 and 16. Last of Face Value for School taxes. Final day to pay 1998 taxes is December 16, 1998. Phone: 675-5929 for service.

## Huntsville Christian Church rummage sale

The Huntsville Christian Church will be holding its annual Rummage Sale on Sat., Sept. 19, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Delicious homemade lunch foods and baked goods will also be for sale throughout the day. The church is located on top of the hill, just one block west of the Huntsville Dam at Huntsville Corners.

## Lightning

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of his hand and across the street, landing at least 30 feet away.

"It was weird," McGeehan said, describing feeling as though someone had put a hand on top of his head and was pressing down hard. McGeehan and Sands were on opposite sides of the truck, which was parked about 30 feet from where Rickaby was standing.

None of the men recalls seeing a flash, but McGeehan said he heard the boom. Tom Rickaby said he saw the bright flash. He was standing only about 8 feet from his grandfather, but didn't get hit.

Asked where it struck, Robert Rickaby replied, "Me!"

While they refused treatment at the scene, Sands and Rickaby said they were still uncomfortable, and would see a doctor. Rickaby seemed to suffer the most effect, and nearly an hour after the strike complained of feeling like holding onto a live electrical wire. He also said his arms felt extremely heavy and had pain in his right ear.

Sands doesn't recall the strike. "I was just wondering what happened," he said, adding that "it sure makes you sweat."



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- 12:00 Discussion: Feeding Wild Birds  
Great Wyoming Valley Audubon Society
- 1:00 p.m. Dance Review  
Linda Sipple Dance School
- 2-4:00 p.m. Folk Singer  
John Foulk
- 4:00 p.m. Fashion Show
- 9:00 p.m. Story Teller  
Mary Baker of Java Gallery

### Sunday

- 12-4 p.m. Sidewalk Art Contest
- 12-4:30 p.m. Yo-Yo Painting Contest
- 1:00 p.m. Discussion: Feed Wild Birds  
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- 2:00 p.m. Orpheus Society  
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