

Library news



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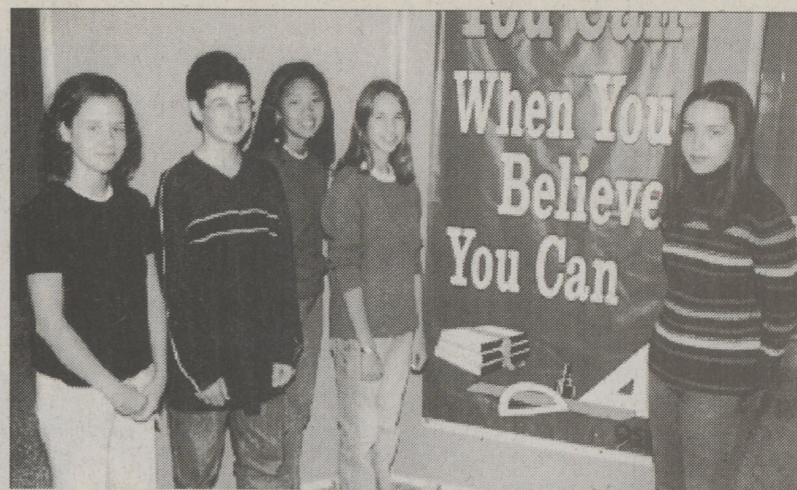
The Back Mountain Memorial Library circulated 6,731 books during the month of September; adult fiction 2,311, juvenile fiction 2,064, young adult fiction 56, adult non-fiction 1,532, juvenile non-fiction 824. Reference questions answered 210, Book Club books circulated 235, inter-library loan transactions 52, CD 60, audio tapes 472, and videos 239. New books added to the collection, adult 126, juvenile 100, books withdrawn: adult 183, juvenile 1. New borrowers adult 59, juvenile 39, re-registrations adult 59, juvenile 70. Total active borrowers as of September 30, 11,590.

Library staff attending computer workshops

Three members of the library staff are attending computer workshops at GAR High School. The workshops are a tie-in with the schools and the state program Link-to-Learn. There are 77 children registered for the four sessions of story hour with 12 children on waiting lists. The programs started the first week of October. The director of Small Wonders Nursery School in Shavertown visited the library with 32 four-year-olds on September 23. They enjoyed a tour, stories and received registration cards for the library. Linda Major of "Arts at Hayfield" contacted the library for Saturday story hours during the holidays. The first session will be October 24 from 10 to 11 a.m. with stories, crafts and activities with a Halloween theme. Christmas and Easter programs are scheduled for later.

New books: "Princeton" by Robert Gambee is presented to the library by Jack Burke, compliments of American Re; a member of the Munich Re Group. Since 1756 Princeton has been the home of a college which is now one of the finest liberal arts universities in the country, one of the most heavily endowed, and certainly one of the most beautiful. The town of Princeton is also home to many other famous and academic and corporate research centers, all of which are featured in this book.

There are over 300 photographs in full color taken over a five-year period with complete text and captions of pre-Revolutionary homes in Princeton and Lawrenceville to 20th century corporate campuses. This is the most complete portrait of Princeton ever published.



DMS student council elects officers

Recently the Dallas Middle School Student Council held election of officers for the 1998-1999 school year. The following officers will serve their classmates and school: Jillian Krakosky, president; Todd Buckley, vice president; Gabrielle Huh, recording secretary; Amanda Hayes, corresponding secretary; and Carrie Thimot, treasurer. The student council plans many activities which include schoolwide dances, theme days, fundraising events for numerous community organizations e.g., Back Mountain Food Bank, SPCA, American Cancer Society and participation in the American Diabetes Association's "Walk for Diabetes." Each year the group also serves as guides for major school functions and attends the Pennsylvania Student Council District IX Conference. Pictured from left, Amanda Hayes, Todd Buckley, Gabrielle Huh, Jillian Krakosky and Carrie Thimot.

DHS business group plans year's activities

The Dallas High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) officers attended the regional officer's dinner Oct. 3 at Alden Manor restaurant in Nanticoke. Officers attending were: Chris Tucker, president; Jen Jancewicz, vice president; Mike Ferko, committee chairman; Jon Kertes, treasurer; Angela Martino, secretary; Jamie Gavin, publicist/historian, and their advisor, Mrs. Shrader. They discussed future events including a regional workshop and the regional leadership conference. They also discussed the state project, "PA FBLA lends a helping hand." The cause is to raise money for the American Red Cross. Dallas is looking forward to a great FBLA year.

DALLAS HIGH GUIDANCE NOTES

Last minute tips on taking the PSAT October 17

The P.S.A.T.'s will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Students should arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. and go directly to their room assignment which will be posted as they enter the school lobby. Bring two sharpened #2 pencils. For further information, contact Robyn Jones, Guidance Counselor at 674-7217.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures not only critical reading, verbal reasoning and math problem-solving skills but also writing skills. **What the Test Measures:** The PSAT/NMSQT assesses knowledge and skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses as well as through experiences outside the classroom. Although the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT I are not directly related to a specific high school curriculum, they are developed to reflect the kinds of academic experiences that teachers consider important.

The test measures developed verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities important for successful academic performance in college. It assesses the ability to reason with facts and concepts rather than the ability to recall and recite them. The PSAT/NMSQT places a priority on the critical thinking skills educators emphasize.

Why Younger Students Take the Test: Last year 32 percent of PSAT/NMSQT test takers were sophomores.

For younger students taking the PSAT/NMSQT is not so much an assessment as an opportunity to gain early awareness of college as an option. By taking the test earlier students are given the opportunity to see what kinds of skills they will need to develop to succeed in college. Students who take the test as sophomores

should be encouraged to take it again as juniors to monitor the development of their reasoning skills.

Why Juniors Take the Test. The PSAT/NMSQT prepares students for college admission tests and encourages them to consider college as an option. By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students also compete for national scholarships and are placed on college mailing lists. Test results provide valuable feedback about academic skills and can be used to identify students for honors classes and the Advanced Placement (AP) Program. Helpful reports allow you to spot trends in student performance that may relate to the curriculum.

What's on the Test? The PSAT/NMSQT includes:

Two 25-minute verbal sections with a total of 52 questions including Sentence Completions, Analogies and Critical Reading.

Two 25-minute Mathematical sections with a total of 40 questions including regular Multiple Choice, Quantitative Comparisons, and Grid-ins.

One 30-minute Writing Skills section with a total of 39 questions including Identifying Sentence Errors, Improving Sentences, and Improving Paragraphs.

The most work involved in applying to a college is writing an essay. Most colleges want one, although, because of time limitations, some of the larger schools don't require you to write anything. This can be stressful because some students have no idea what to say. Perhaps a discussion of the reasons colleges want essays would help. The first reason for the essay is similar to why

they want letters of recommendation. They hope to learn something about you the rest of your application doesn't tell them. This time they want to hear it in your words. They also are seeking insight into how you think and write. Here are some things to remember:

1. Be yourself. Don't write what you think they want to hear. Your writing style should reflect your personality.
2. Do a rough draft! Be sure to have one of your teachers review and edit your essay before it goes on your application.

Finally, do your best on the essay. Don't just throw something together to get it done. They do matter!

Parents and students don't forget to attend the Bishop Hoban Educational Fair Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Over 100 presenters will be there.

Governor's School applications are available in the Guidance Office. See Mr. Wolensky.

Parents are welcome to a free Financial Aid Publication sponsored by P.H.E.A.A. which covers the wide variety of state and federal grant and loan programs available. Just have your son or daughter stop in for a copy or visit their website at www.pheaa.org.

Also, on the subject of financial aid, mark your calendar now for our Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Kathy Pesta, a representative from Penn State will be here to discuss the entire financial aid process. This program is excellent and well worth your time.

The economic viewpoint



Howard Grossman

An exciting new document has been published recently by the Pennsylvania 21st Century Environment Commission, a group organized by Gov. Tom Ridge in 1997. The 76 page report outlines a series of 240 recommendations and is in draft review, pending further comments by citizens and officials across this great Commonwealth. Distinguished officials such as former Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. William W. Scranton, III, are included as members of the Commission. This report provides a brand new opportunity for Northeastern Pennsylvania and other regions of the state to focus on ways by which Pennsylvania can jump into the 21st Century with strong belief in its destiny.

The report highlights land use planning and managing Pennsylvania resources as the most critical issues facing the state. The five major issues identified within the document are:

- Promoting responsible land use
- Encouraging conservation and sustainable use of natural resources
- Improving human health and environmental quality
- Changing the way we do business

New document hopes to improve Pennsylvania

Developing environmental stewardship
The 21st Century Environmental Commission includes recommendations which are vital to the appropriate planning and future of this region. Many of these were highlighted in a landmark 1992 report of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP) "Land Under Siege: The Search for Managed Growth in Northeastern Pennsylvania."

Other documents which preceded the 21st Century report which tie closely to that piece of work include the nationally award winning NEPA 2000 Regional Visioning Project of EDCNP which concluded with 17 small reports dealing with major issues affecting the future of Northeastern Pennsylvania; a more recent regional economic summit conference summary which outline the results of 11 panels and two major presentations at an all day event held in the Pocono Mountains, and a Regional Leadership Forum which was held April 2, 1998 and focused on the type of regional leadership needed for 21st century life in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Among the recommendations found in the 21st Century Environmental Commission Report are:

- Develop systems and methods to make Pennsylvania the top state in the creation of high pay-

ing, environmental and human health - friendly jobs.

• Develop and deliver tools to Pennsylvania businesses to improve overall performance and efficiency to eliminate waste.

• Improve the attractiveness of Pennsylvania as a place for businesses to locate and stay and people to live and visit.

• Improve the linkage between environmental, economic and health leadership and policy-making at the state and local levels.

• Develop incentives, policies, and procedures that foster partnerships, cooperation, synergy and common goals among individuals, agencies, departments, communities, government and other institutions as well as others.

A copy of the report can be secured by contacting the Pennsylvania 21st Century Environmental Commission, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 15th Floor, P.O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105 or by contacting EDCNP, 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640-3795.

EDCNP will be continuing to evaluate and monitor the work of the Environmental Commission and bringing this information before the region's public and private sector leaders.

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SCHOOL MENUS

The following school lunch menus are for the week of Oct. 15 - 21. All lunches include milk.

DALLAS SCHOOLS

THURSDAY - Jumbo hot dog/bun, turkey hoagie, baked beans, sliced pears.

FRIDAY - School closed.

MONDAY - Meatball hoagie w/cheese, hot ham/cheese sandwich, green beans, blueberry fluff.

TUESDAY - Egg-ham-cheese muffin, hot ham/cheese sandwich, tator tots, rosy applesauce.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken parmesan sandwich w/side of pasta, hot ham/cheese sandwich, fresh veggies w/dip, fruit crisp.

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

THURSDAY - 11:15 dismissal. No lunch.

FRIDAY - Chicken noodle soup, turkey w/lettuce sandwich, mixed fruit.

MONDAY - Hamburg w/bun, French fries, carrot/celery stix, peaches.

TUESDAY - Subway hoagie, chips, pickles, pears.

WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Joe's w/bun, potato rounds, corn, pineapple.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOLS

Elementary School

THURSDAY - Turkey & noodles

w/dinner roll or bacon cheeseburger/roll, green beans, apple slices.

FRIDAY - Teacher's In-Service. No school.

MONDAY - Hamburger/roll or stromboli w/sauce, French fries, rosy applesauce.

TUESDAY - Beef-a-roni, or turkey club sandwich, tossed salad/dressing, cinnamon applesauce.

WEDNESDAY - Hot dog/bun or hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, buttered peas, fruited gelatin.

Middle School

THURSDAY - Baked potato w/roll, Zesty spaghetti w/meatsauce, roll, tossed salad/dressing, fruit crisp.

FRIDAY - Teacher's In-Service. No school.

MONDAY - Hot dog bar. Stromboli w/sauce, French fries, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY - Pasta bar w/roll. Chef's choice, winter blend, chilled pears.

WEDNESDAY - Three Guys Pizza Day. Beef stew over noodles w/dinner roll, sweet peas, rosy applesauce.

High School

THURSDAY - French fry bar w/roll, Zesty spaghetti w/meatsauce, roll, tossed salad/dressing, fruit crisp.

FRIDAY - Teacher's In-Service. No school.

MONDAY - Breakfast Bar. Stromboli w/sauce, French fries,

mixed fruit.

TUESDAY - Baked potato bar w/roll. Chef's choice, winter blend, chilled pears.

WEDNESDAY - Deli Bar. Chicken fajita bar w/roll. Beef stew over noodles, dinner roll, sweet peas/buttered rice, rosy applesauce.

WEST SIDE TECH

Breakfast

THURSDAY - Oatmeal cookies, cereal, juice, fruit.

FRIDAY - In-Service.

MONDAY - Banana bread, cereal, juice, fruit.

TUESDAY - Hot ham/cheese or cereal, juice, pastry.

WEDNESDAY - Coffee cake, cereal, juice, fruit.

Lunch

THURSDAY - Tuna/turkey hoagie-lettuce-tomato, macaroni salad, apple, jello cake.

FRIDAY - In-Service.

MONDAY - Wafer steak on hoagie roll w/lettuce-tomato, seasoned pasta, chilled pears.

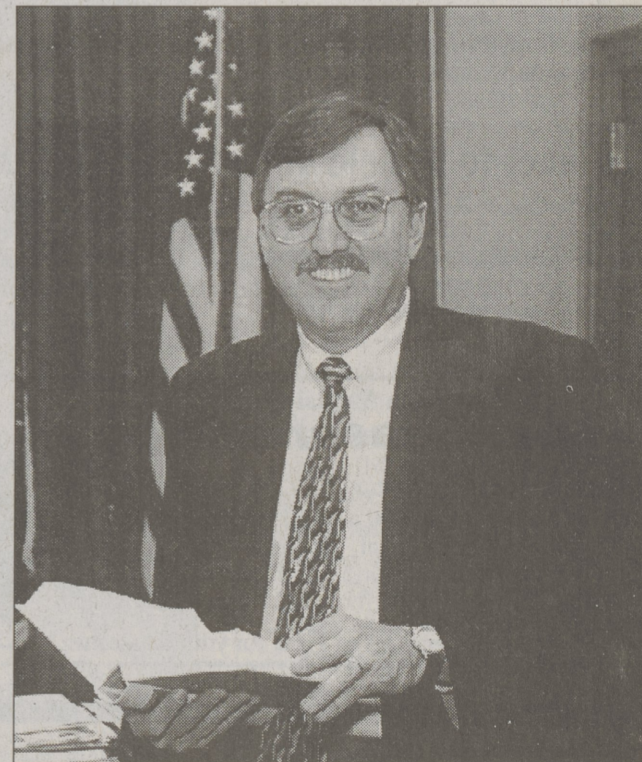
TUESDAY - Taco's trimmings-sharp cheese-tangy sauce, salsa, steam corn, vegetable rice casserole, gingerbread.

WEDNESDAY - Open face turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, pumpkin bars.

"Remember" Your Vote is Important

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- ★ Acquired much needed state grant money to help our Luzerne County Fair Association.
- ★ Acquired state grants for our Local Volunteer Fire Companies
- ★ Acquired state grants for our Local Police Departments.

★ Keeps a Vigilant Eye on our Rural Roads – Making sure we get our fair share of the tax money from Harrisburg

"Remember" You Can't Buy Experience!

Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect George C. Hasay, Chairman Gary Bakor