

High school students counsel 5th graders about radon

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LEHMAN - There are many chemical dangers in our daily lives, such as carbon monoxide, cyanide, and methane. But there is one dangerous element that many people don't know about or don't take seriously, radon.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that comes from the radioactive decay of uranium. Uranium deposits are found in the soil, and as the element decays, radon gas seeps from the ground into homes and other structures through cracks in their foundations.

Being a carcinogen, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, next to smoking. For non-smokers, it is the leading cause. The gas clings to particles in the air, and when it is breathed in, continues to decay in the lungs, emitting radiation.

The effects of radon occur over an extended period of time, depending on the ventilation of the affected area, and amount of exposure to that area.

If radon gas is such a health risk, who's educating the public about it? The Lake-Lehman Learn 'N Serve Chemistry students are. The Learn 'N Serve program is under the instruction of Mrs. Gail

Keen, and consists of students who are currently, or have previously, taken AP Chemistry. This program demonstrates and teaches the fifth-grade students at Lehman-Jackson and Lake-Noxen elementary schools.

Supported by radon grant funds, Learn 'N Serve provides a service to the community through education. Learn 'N Serve has been in existence for three years, and in that time span, participation is four times that of the original group.

Just last year, it began to emphasize radon awareness and education. What the Learn 'N Serve students do is teach the dangers of radon, and distribute test kits (which can also be purchased at local hardware stores). When the test results come back, the results are mapped out across the region, and for those homes with elevated levels of radon, prevention methods are worked out with parents.

"I hope that our school community will become more conscientious about radon and that they will join in our efforts to evaluate homes within our community," Mrs. Keen said.

The program was held in conjunction with National Radon Action Week, which was observed Oct. 18-24.



Learn 'N Serve students, from left, Ken Weaver, Angela Davis and Ben Wolfe presented a program on radon to Mrs. Carol Williams's fifth grade at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. Jessica Kempinski is one of the students.

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Children sought to be toys in *Babes in Toyland*

Children aged 5-10 years of age are invited to play the roles of "toys" and fill the toy factory shelves in the upcoming musical theatre production of *Babes in Toyland*, at Wilkes University's Darte Center, Wilkes-Barre. Performances are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10 and 11 at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A Saturday, Dec. 12 performance may be added if needed.

A cast of 33 principal actors and actresses has already been cast.

Cast members are required to be at all performances, however, children performing as toys, aged 5 to 10, will have the option to not participate in the daytime Thursday and Friday performances if that presents a problem. Children performing as toys will be needed at approximately six weekend rehearsals, to begin the first weekend in November. Rehearsals are usually held on either Friday night or Saturday afternoon.

There is only a \$25 costume rental fee, otherwise there is no costs for any rehearsals or workshops.

Many delightful "toy" costumes have already been secured including: toy soldiers, clowns, rag dolls, baby doll, doggies, candy canes, USA dolls, ballerina dolls, and more. Boys and girls are needed. Toys will fill the shelves of the Toy Factory and be involved in at least one production number, or more.

Approximately two rehearsals will be held at The Darte Center during production week, otherwise rehearsal space is being donated by Major Performing Arts of Trucksville. For more info, or to register, please call 675-4333. Please ask for Bonnie Dombroski, President of the NEJPlayers.

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Q: What do you like most about Halloween?
Where asked: Meadows Nursing Center



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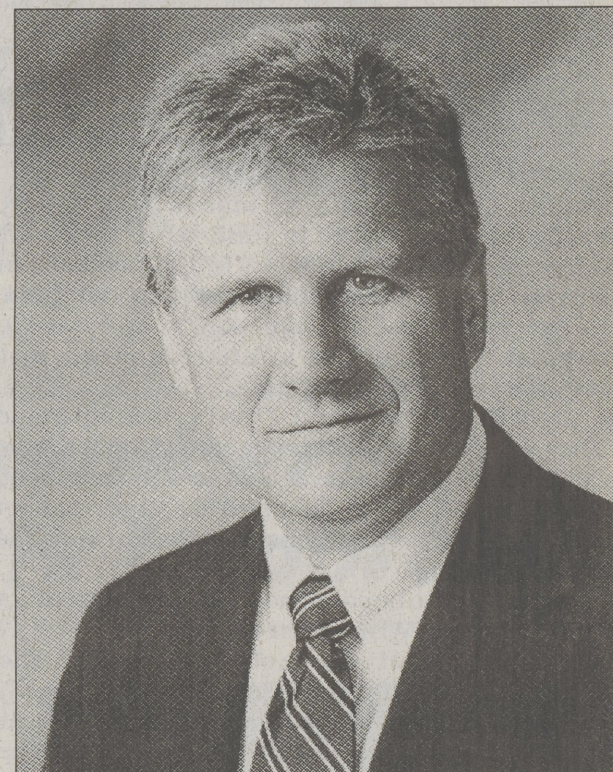
"Flying over the little kiddies in their costumes."

"I like seeing all the kids dress up. Even the residents here dress up."

"I like dressing up and going to Halloween parties."

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