



**Stöcker named volunteer of the year**

At the autumn meeting of the Luzerne/Wyoming Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association (PASR), Alice Hudak, Chair of the Community Participation Committee named Joyce Stocker the Chapter's Volunteer of the Year. The Chapter's winter holiday meeting is scheduled on Dec. 3 at noon at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes-Barre. A musical program will be presented by a high school chorus. Alice Hudak is presenting the Volunteer of the Year pin to Joyce Stocker in the photo.

**Lake Township tax reminder**

Ruth Orloski Lake Twp. Tax Collector reminds taxpayers that December 15 is the last day to pay all 1998 Property and Per Capita taxes. All taxes (except a few additions) are due at penalty value. All unpaid property taxes will be returned to the Tax Claim Bureau Luzerne County Courthouse for collection. Additional penalties will be added. Unpaid Per Capita taxes will be sent to H.A. Berheimer Assoc. for collection with an additional penalty added.

**Library news**



Nancy Kozemchak

**'Holiday Storytime' December 11**

Arts at Hayfield presents "Holiday Storytime" at the library on December 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. for children 4 to 8 years old. Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza selections will feature student readers from Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Registration for the next story hour sessions will be held from January 4, 1999 through January 9. Story Hour session begins Wednesday, February 3 for children from 3 to 5 years old. The times are 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.

The highlight of the Month of November in the children's room was a sing-a-long program given by Bill Frye in honor of Children's Book Week. Thirty people of all ages attended and participated with great energy and glee. Mr. Frye sat or moved around under the skylight and spot lights in the darkened children's room. The circle of chairs in the room created a "dramatic" theater in the round. Story hours continued throughout the month.

The story hours on Wednesday, December 2 with Mrs. Rudolph, children's librarian, in charge had a surprise visitor in the form of Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. The children were very excited and enjoyed touching and shaking his paws. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library circulated 6,981 books during the month of November: adult fiction 2,073; juvenile fiction 2,072; young adult fiction 25; adult non-fiction 1,823; juvenile non-fiction 988. Reference questions answered 50; Book Club books circulated 226; interlibrary loan transactions 60; CDs 67; audio tapes 471; and videos 357. New books added to the collection: adult 139, juvenile 57. Books withdrawn: adult 104, juvenile 49. New borrowers: adult 44, juvenile 54. Re-registrations: adult 73, juvenile 74. Total active borrowers as of November 30, 11,723.

Martha Butler, the library director, attended the PALA conference in Hershey on November 10. Workshop topics included: Building science fiction collections; planning for results; a presentation to help libraries develop a plan and implement it when addressing community needs. The luncheon speaker, a librarian from Northwestern University, spoke on "What is the Promise of Technology for Library Instruction?"

**Dallas High School senior class trip will be first in 17 years**

The Dallas School Board gave the go-ahead to the first senior class trip since 1982. The class has been working towards the trip for three years, talking with administrators and holding fundraisers. Approximately 120 seniors are eligible for the four-day trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

In other business, the board presented John George with a certificate of appreciation for his 15 years of service on the board.

"I appreciate this and all the time I've served on the board," said George.

The board also acknowledged the 57th anniversary of Pearl Har-

bor Day.

Dr. Michael Speziale, assistant superintendent, informed the board that the district was awarded a grant through the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund for its Lightspan network. The network is currently in use at Dallas Elementary and will be hooked up in the new Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary when it is completed. Lightspan provides a website for the school, which provides reading and math activities. Anyone affiliated with Dallas Elementary will receive a password to use the site.

By Kylie Shafferkoetter

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**Nearly-New to hold sale December 12**

The Nearly-New Kids Shop, which is operated as a public service by the United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold a year-end sale on December 12. All merchandise will be offered for sale at \$2 a bag (paper grocery bag). There is a large variety of children's clothing, size infant through size 16; included for sale is jeans, sweat shirts, blouses, T-shirts, sweaters, shoes, boots, and coats.

The Nearly-New Kids Shop is located in the Memorial Room (lower level) of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Rd. and is open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon. The shop will close for the holiday season and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Jan. 9, 1999.

All proceeds are used for the many mission projects of the United Methodist Women, local, national and global.

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