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Cheers 'n' eats

Dallas High School cheerleaders held their annual fundraising car wash Saturday in the parking lot at Dallas Auto Parts. The girls got a treat when Grotto Pizza delivered pizzas for lunch, in return for getting their car washed. Shown repaying the favor, from left: on top of truck, Ketura Lispi and Jessica Puz. Rachel McCue munched on a slice while Tara Dymond put the sponge to the metal.

Rt. 309, Hillside Rd. work to be done at night

By KASIA McDONOUGH
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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - Relief is on the way for drivers who are tired of the long wait to access Hillside Road from northbound Route 309 or the daredevil maneuvers required to join the rush of traffic speeding along the highway southbound.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) officials and American Asphalt employees have started construction at the intersection of Route 309 and Hillside Road. Most of the work on the \$750,000 project will be completed at night, reducing traffic tie-ups usually associated with road improvements. "During the day-time hours all four lanes will be open," said Dave Skrocki of PennDOT. "Lane closures may occur during evening hours but we don't anticipate as much traffic at that time."

Improvements to this busy section of road have been in the planning stages for nearly a decade. "That intersection has been a problem for a number of years especially at peak periods," said Jeff Box.

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Kids find adventure and fun at day camps

By KASIA McDONOUGH
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Learning doesn't stop when the school year ends, it just gets more exciting.

Youngsters enrolled in the All Children's Camp at College Misericordia and the Summer Youth Program at Penn State Wilkes-Barre are busy exploring the world around them and building new friendships. Both programs emphasize the fun of discovery and offer participants challenging opportunities that aren't ordinarily available in a classroom.

The All Children's Camp provides special needs children a chance to enjoy these experiences with the assistance of appropriately trained volunteers. "The thing I really love about this program is the integration of special needs children with all our campers," said Jan Elston, Camp Coordinator. "Children don't see anything different about the kid sitting next to them. They are too busy having fun together to be concerned about differences."

The Misericordia program is running throughout the month of July and is divided into four week-long themes including World Travel, A Week with the Masters, 2 by 2 and You, and the Millennium Time Tunnel. Daily swim sessions offer children a chance to let loose and exercise their bodies after a day of mind building activities.

Campers were eager to share their newly acquired knowledge and proudly displayed works in progress. "I'm building a robot with my friends Casey and Mike using parts of an old telephone and some other stuff we have here," said Andrew Novak, who was part of a group of 9 to 11 year olds studying great inventors. "Our robot is named Professor R and we decided to make him because we wanted to do a modern project that would be good in the future," added Casey Baldwin.

Penn State's Summer Youth Program also emphasizes the role science and technology will play in the next millen-

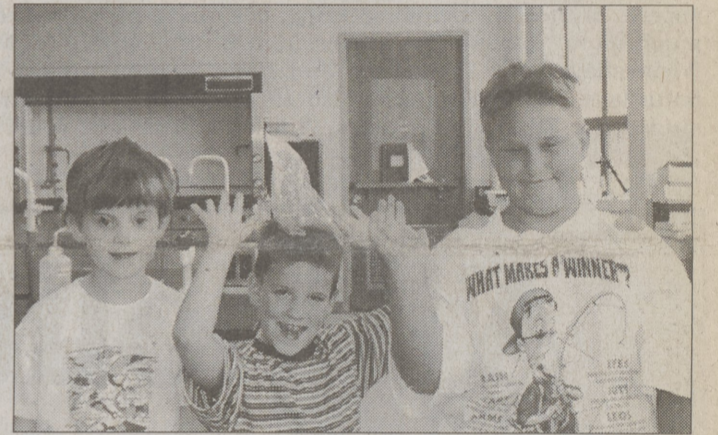
"I want to be a writer who does mystery books about animals because I like science and reading. But I might be a teacher at a camp like this."

Megan Jordan, 8
Penn State camper

ium. Camp highlights include classes on space exploration and environmental preservation, computer adventures, motorized machines and a week of tours to hi-tech Back Mountain businesses.

If the program is an indication of the future, it seems these businesses should expect an influx of science-savvy young women. "I really like aquanauts because we are designing undersea pictures on the computer, but my favorite thing was electronics where we got to work with circuit boards," said Samantha Moga, who will be entering third grade this fall.

Challenging these hi-tech kids while encouraging them to enjoy the experi-



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Having fun with the moldable dough they made, from left; Ben Stamper, J.P. LaNunziata and A.J. Hiedix.

ence is high priority at both camps. "We rely on input from local teachers who would really like to do some of these fun activities in their own classrooms but just don't have the time," said Jennifer Youngman, PSU Camp Coordinator.

At the All Children's Camp, Laboratory Goop (Oops) taught participants basic

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Scout's project spruces up library landscape

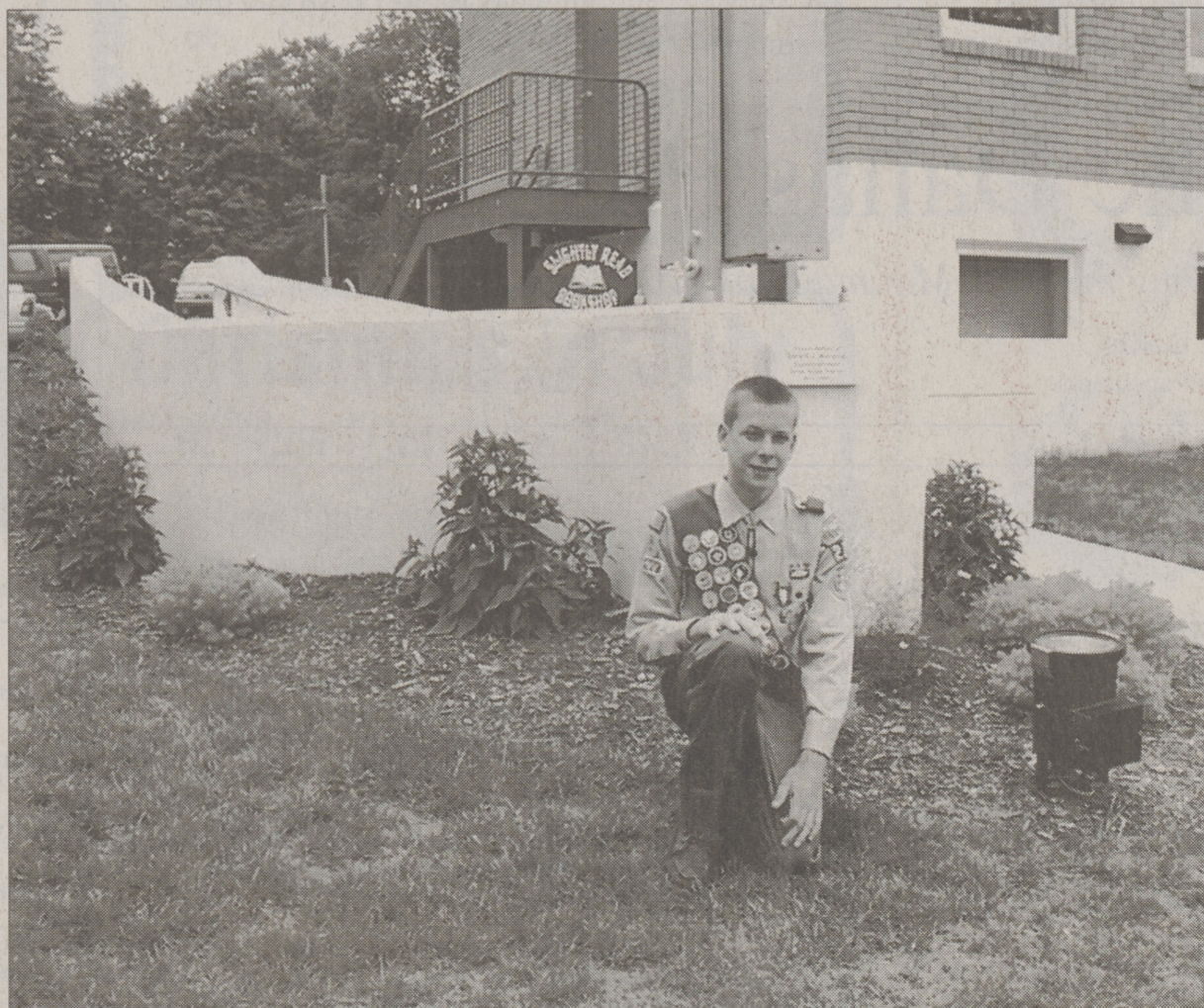
By REBECCA SCOTT
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DALLAS - Check out what is blooming at the Back Mountain Memorial Library this summer. Beautiful blossoms of black-eyed susans line the side ramp to the bookstore below the library. Coreopsis and silver mounds accent the flag pole in front of the new children's wing, thanks to 15-year-old Brent Mayernick, Dallas.

Brent's motivation for this project came from his goal to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He has had his sights set on this elite rank since he started his scouting career in 1990. He proved he was worthy of promotion by earning 21 badges, performing community service, and fulfilling other requirements. "He wanted to do an outdoor project not something someone already did," instead of choosing from a book of recommended projects, Sharon Mayernick, Brent's mother, said.

The children's wing

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Brent Mayernick kneeled in front of the flagpole at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. For his Eagle Scout project, Brent added shrubs to the area around the flagpole and the entrance ramp, and seeded the lawn area after the children's wing was completed last year.

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