

## Scout

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was completed last year and mounds of dirt and rock remained. In March 1998, Brent submitted an outline detailing his ideas to Joe Stager to present to the library's board of directors. "I wanted to do something for the community and the Back Mountain Memorial Library," Brent reasoned. When Brent was two years old he would attend story time at the library. His visits have been regular since. "He was drawn to it," his mother said.

Brent sought the help of area businesses and friends' parents to obtain the funds necessary for equipment, supplies and foliage for his project. He received enough to buy grass seed from Penn State Seed Company to plant 7,000 square feet of lawn. He rented equipment from Aqway and Hilbert's to do the job, with the library supplying topsoil and water.

Brent supplied the leadership and supervision for the job. His Troop 232 out of Gate of Heaven and his parents Joseph and Sharon Mayernick volunteered help and support to get the job done. Brent said his parents were the most help. The lawn was completed and maintained in time for the 1998 auction. The auction gave Brent time to solicit again for the plants he had in mind for the landscape. He collected \$275 and went to Rave's Garden Center, where Scott Rave advised him how to plant and maintain the plants he purchased.

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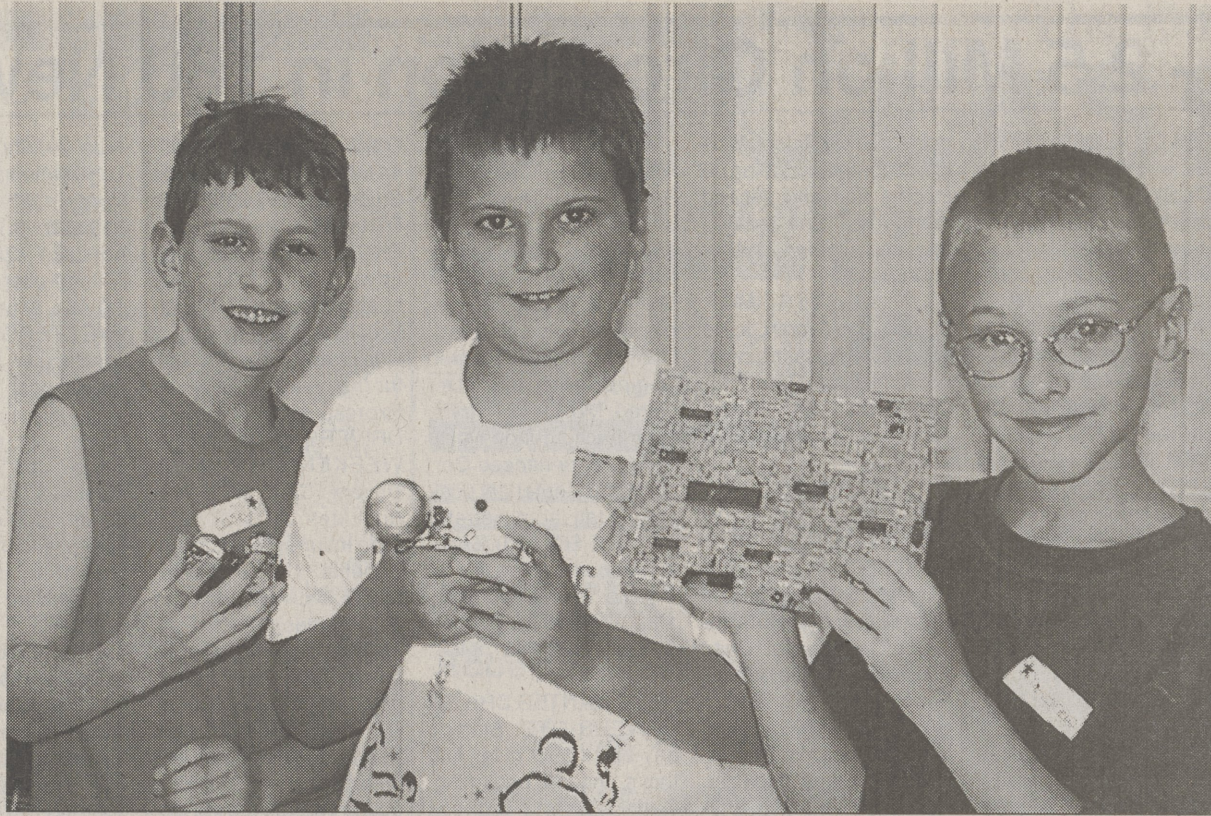
Martha Butler  
Library Director

One year later, after performing more than 123 service hours from March through November, Brent presented his project to the Eagle Board of Review. Brent was asked questions, by board members concerning his project and about the 21 merit badges he had earned to become eligible for Eagle Scout. He passed, then received an official letter from the council in Texas congratulating him on his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

"Brent knew what he wanted and he was determined to see it through," Sharon Mayernick said. His mother is not the only one pleased with Brent's work. In reaching his goal, he gave the library and the community a gift. "It looks wonderful. It was a worthwhile project," said Martha Butler, library director. "Everyone is pleased with the outcome. It enhances the flagpole. With the auction it will look nice."

Brent said he is glad he choose the project, and learned some things along the way. "I liked doing it," he said. "I learned how to plant flowers and how to landscape."

He also learned that landscap-



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Learning and having fun, photos clockwise from top left: Casey Baldwin, Mike Buerger and Andrew Novak show off their robot; Jared Kair and Kyle Piazza with an electronic drawbridge; playing with their homemade play dough, Jonelle McDaniels, Kelly Mazur and Ashley Kenny; Michael Supczenski, Shawn Harrison and Brian Quinn with the trucks they made.

## Camps

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chemistry and yielded a room full of giggles. "We have done a lot of tactile activities which allow the kids to use their senses to make discoveries," said Mary Barbara Gilligan, a camp volunteer in charge of the lab fun.

Fruity dough and dancing raisin projects can sometimes be messy but maintaining order in the classroom was not difficult. "I told them at the start that I wanted them to act like big shot college

students since we are working in these sophisticated labs," said Gilligan. "They're so inquisitive about everything from the periodic chart to the scientific method - it has been a great experience to help develop that curiosity and encourage their interest in chemistry."

It isn't just the campers who are learning this summer. Several volunteers said the experience is one they will use as their own

careers progress. "I worked at the camp last year and this year helping the kids on a social, physical and emotional level," said Alison Davidack, who graduated from Misericordia this spring with a degree in physical therapy. "I hope to go into pediatric therapy so this has been a great opportunity for me."

Many of the youngsters participating in the camp programs were thinking ahead to adulthood with

*"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."*

Jennifer Youngman  
Penn State Camp Coordinator

career plans of their own. "I want to be a writer who does mystery books about animals because I like science and reading," said 8-year-old Megan Jordan as she

took a moment from building an amusement park ride of Legos at Penn State's Summer Youth Program. "But I might be a teacher at a camp like this."

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### Shavertown UMC holding Bible school

"Hooked on Jesus - Part II" is the theme for this year's Bible School to be held at Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 North Pioneer Avenue. It begins Sunday, August 15 from 3-5 p.m. followed by a pot luck picnic with parents. The hours for the remaining classes will be Monday through Thursday, August 16-19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Our time together will feature crafts, singing, storytelling, and special snacks. We'll even have a teen class! This program is presented in conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran and Prince of Peace Episcopal Churches. To register, please call 675-3616.

### Hoprich named to Lycoming dean's list

Stephen Hoprich, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoprich of Sweet Valley has been named to the dean's list at Lycoming College. He is majoring in chemistry.

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## Construction

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Kingston Township Manager. "We started meeting with PennDOT officials in 1991 to review all intersections in the township and that area was identified as a priority."

A signal will be installed at the intersection to slow the pace of traffic and to allow drivers attempting to turn left across two lanes a period of right of way. The road will be widened to allow ad-

ditional room for turning vehicles.

Drainage work and resurfacing will also be done as a part of the project which PennDOT estimates will be completed by October. Officials encourage drivers to take extra caution until the improvements are finished. "Anytime you're entering a construction zone one should drive slowly," said Box. "We will be enforcing speed limits in the area."

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