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Scott Zeller gets directions on finger-painting from Kathy Kelchner.

## Painting

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trees. Kelchner explained about leaves and the different plant parts so the children learn while having fun.

"We have lots of different programs throughout the summer," Kelchner explained. "Friday night we had 47 people here for a Scavenger Hunt. We also have weed walks and bird walks

planned."

The programs are usually held in the outdoor amphitheater and, therefore, are dependent on good weather. The schedule of planned events is often listed in the Dallas Post and more information can be obtained by calling the park office.

## Lake Twp. recycling

The voluntary recycling drop-off center for Lake Twp will be accepting items on the second Sat. of each month. The next opening is July 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at the township building on Route 29. The following items may be dropped off: Aluminum & Bi-metal cans, clear, brown & green glass, plastic #1 and #2 only. No motor oil containers or scrap aluminum can be accepted. This month's newspaper will be collected at the same time. Pack tight in paper bags with the glossy inserts removed. Do not drop off items before the center opens.

## Pear Tree Lane extension to close

The Dallas School District road off Pear Tree Lane in Dallas Twp. will be closed effective July 14 due to renovations at the Dallas Middle School.

The playground at Dallas Elementary School will be closed effective July 9 due to the installation of a new playground.

## Hearing July 16 on water rate hike

In response to a request for a public hearing on a proposed Pennsylvania-American Water Company rate increase by state Rep. Phyllis Mundy, the Public Utility Commission has scheduled a hearing for customers at 6:30 p.m. Mon., July 16 at Wyoming Valley West Middle School, Kingston. Mundy is encouraging water customers to attend and express their views about the proposed rate increase. Mundy noted that PAWC continues to request water rate increases in spite of the fact that they are recovering costs for distribution and system improvements under the distribution system improvement charge on customers' monthly bills.

## Kingston Twp. lifts burning ban

Kingston Twp. Board of Supervisors at their regular monthly meeting held, June 13, lifted the ban on all open burning. Kingston Twp. reminds residents that open burning permits are required for all open fires and the township ordinance states only wood, paper, tree branches, tree leaves, and yard trimmings may be burned. The ordinance further states no hazardous or other objectionable condition will be created by such burning. The township encourages residents to utilize other methods of disposal, such as the township compost area at the Center St. Public Works Facility. Residents with questions about open burning or the compost site may call 696-3809.

## Trunk

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dents for a job well done. "The residents clearly enjoyed watching the children," said Marcia Landers, activities director. "I noticed several residents pointing out their pen pals to those sitting around them. The letters from the kids are a real lift to their spirits. There's a lot of anticipation around here when the mail arrives."

Following the play, the children joined their pen pals for some lively discussions and refreshments. The residents seemed very happy to see their special friends again.

"I have received several letters from Erica (Morgan)," said Grace VanLoon, "and I read them over and over again."

## Counselors

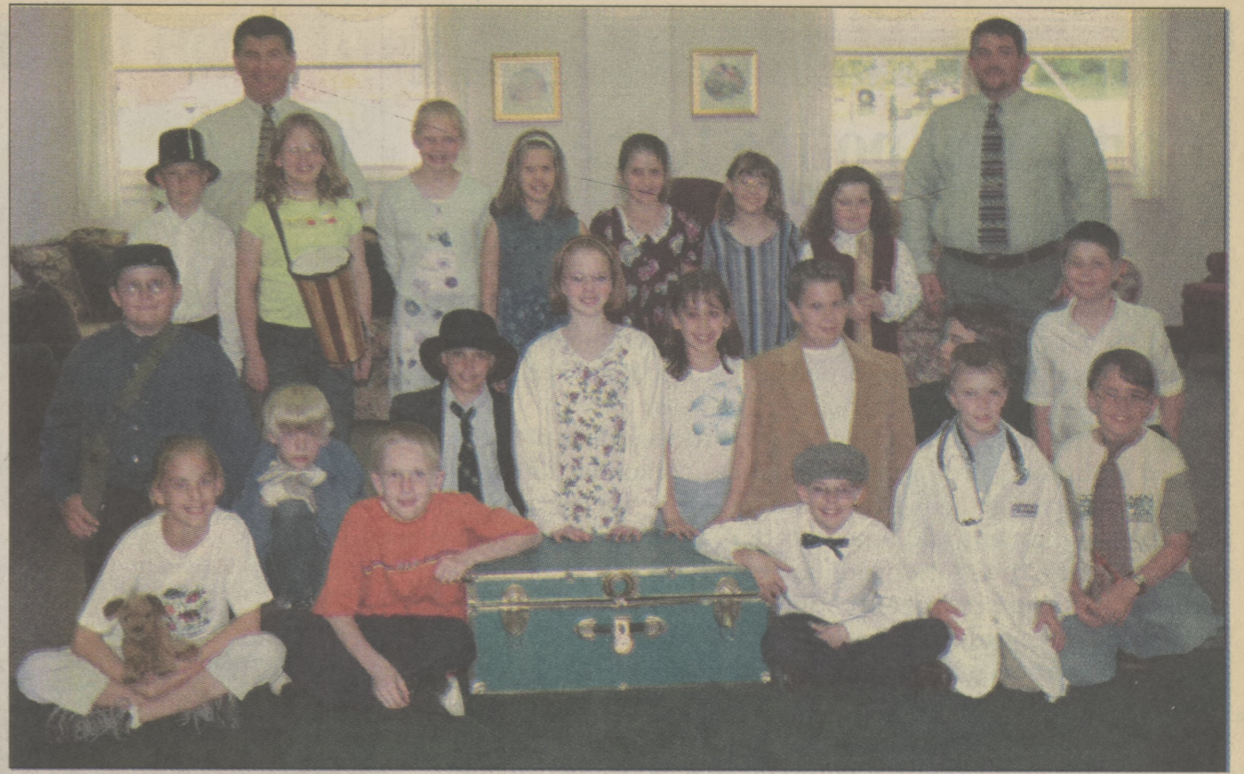
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said better than 90 percent of students have access to the internet outside of school.

In other business:  
• David J. Usavage, Trucksville, was sworn in as the newest member of the Dallas School Board. Usavage replaced Karen Kyle, who moved to Minnesota with her family.

• Len Gallo, of Reynolds Construction Management Company, said the tentative completion date for the Dallas Middle School project is April 29, 2003. Due to the construction, residents are reminded the Dallas School District road off Pear Tree Lane in Dallas Township will be closed effective July 14.

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Play participants, from left, first row: Shauna Phillips, Thomas Youells, John Prater, James McAndrew, Christian Szot. Second row: Tristan Bethel, Lane Hogue, Keith Roberts, Katelyn Confer, Kara Musto, Edward Stredny, Steven Esopi, Wesley Landers. Third row: Michael Moore, Mr. Barbose, principal, Maria Maas, Julie Manorek, Alyssa McEntee, Taylor Trudgen, Erica Morgan, Michele Harvey, Mr. Traver, teacher.

## Auction

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High bidder Janet Albany and her son Colin, 13, show off the hand painted stool they took home from the auction.

his interest comes from his love of music. He was hoping to find a John Phillip Sousa, but no luck this time.

Luck was on the side of Janet Albany, Forty Fort, on Thursday night. She was the high bidder at \$45 for a hand-painted stool. The smile on her face said it all when the auctioneer called out number 67 as the high bidder.

The white stool with watermelon slices painted on it was the first item Janet purchased at this year's auction. "We look forward to the auction every year," she said.

Coming to the library auction has turned into a family event. The Albanys have been at the auction every year for about the past 25 years. The hand-painted stool was the first item Janet bid on. "I was behaving myself," she said, "but it's for a good cause."

This year's sales on the auction block exceeded \$50,000. All profits benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

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