

Community Vacation Bible School teaches life lessons



Pastor Mark Harper from Trinity Presbyterian Church tells the children about a story from the Bible.

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emergency services and equipment, heard about real-life rescues, listened to Bible stories, sang songs, made crafts, played games and had refreshments.

On Monday, they were introduced to the therapy dogs from the Wilkes-Barre Training Club. They spent some time in New York City at the family center at Pier 34, established after the tragedy of September 11. They were sent to help the children cope. On Tuesday they learned about the Back Mountain Food Pantry and had an opportunity to donate food and money to help stock the shelves.

On Wednesday they met Molly, a representative from the Red Cross who told the children about the organization's work. On Thursday they learned how lifeguards save people. On Friday the D.A.R.E. officer, Frank Ziegler, from Kingston Township, stopped by to chat with the children.

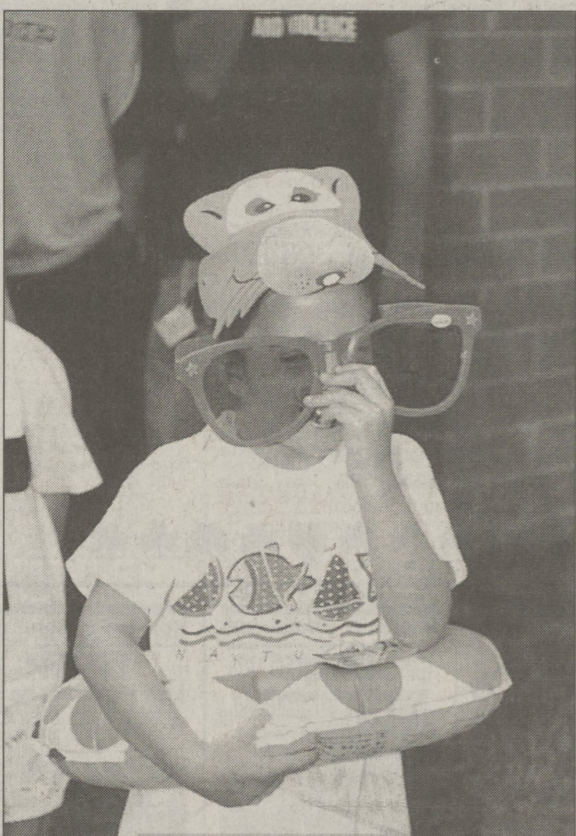
Each day an offering was taken to benefit a non-profit agency closely related to the presenting groups.

For adults, there was an informal parenting video series, "Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours." No doubt this training helped those parents who picked up their children after a lively morning with their friends!



Lindsey Jacobs tries her hand at some old fashion fun with a hula hoop.

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Courtney McCarthy is all dressed up and ready for the relay race.



Bonnie Ziegler introduces lifeguards Erin and Lacey Cooper to the children. They tell the children about their hours of training to learn the proper way to rescue someone. The offering for the day went to the John Heinz rehabilitation water therapy program.



Clara Grube (left) and Megan Johnson decorate sun visors in their crafts class.

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