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## Saying goodbye



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Marilyn Rudolph, retired children's librarian for the Back Mountain Memorial Library, reads to kindergarten students Shayla Stewart, Kaitlyn Pelchar, Katy Premus, Michael Sebolka, Morgan Morris, Jessie Stewart and Sterling Barnes. She retired in December after 35 years with the library.

## Community set to fete retired children's librarian

Marilyn Rudolph has seen — and steered — great changes over 35 years.

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK  
Post Correspondent

Flying squirrels, raccoons, wizards and generations of children came through the Back Mountain Memorial Library children's room during the 35 years Marilyn Rudolph was the children's librarian. After all that time and activity, her retirement on December 29, 2004 seems strange, "I'm all confused, I don't know where the time's gone, but it went," she says.

The graciously warm, competent, ladylike — and sometimes zany — librarian oversaw

### SAY GOODBYE AND THANKS

The library will hold a community retirement party for Marilyn Rudolph on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. The community is invited to drop by to celebrate her career, even though she thinks all the fuss is a bit much. "I just wanted to fade off into the wild blue yonder," she said.

many changes to the children's area since she was asked to take charge in 1969, when it was just a side room in the old library building on Main Street in Dallas.

Along with an expansion in facilities and books, the story hours have grown. "We now have three eight-week sessions in the year with one group of toddlers and four groups of

3- to 5-year-olds," says Rudolph.

The space dedicated to children also has grown. Beginning in 1985, when the library moved into the former Dallas Borough High School, it was a 24' by 30' room in the back corner. "The book shelves went up to the ceiling and two kids couldn't fit in the aisles at one time. And it was very hot in the summer," Rudolph recalls.

"Then my friend Wally Settler came in and said, 'My word how can any child enjoy this?'" she said. With a sizeable startup donation from Ralph Garrahan, in memory of his wife, and tremendous support from the Back Mountain community, Settler, as-campaign

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### LEHMAN-JACKSON ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

## Lessons in tolerance, interdependence from bees

By M.B. GILLIGAN  
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LEHMAN TWP. — With the phrases, "Save the bees, save pollination, food for us," echoing through the auditorium at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, master beekeeper Cliff Wright-Sunflower made his point to the assembled students. "If we don't protect the bees, we won't have food," he said.

Wright-Sunflower presented a PTA sponsored program called "Dancin' with the Honeybees." The two-part program featured a conceptual assembly for students in the morning. There they learned how bees collect pollen and turn it into honey.

An environmental educator, storyteller and performer, Wright-Sunflower uses audience participation to make the biggest impact. Students and teachers were turned into a working beehive complete with queen, nursemaids, brood, construction workers, drones, guards and flowers. They then did the "Dance of the Honeybees."

The afternoon workshops consisted of hands-on learning at a



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First graders Catherine Rose, left, and Katie Supey made their own beeswax candles.

six-station honeybee science museum. There students were encouraged to try on beekeepers' equipment, learn the difference between bees and wasps

and hornets, see a live working beehive, feel the difference between empty and full honeycombs, and get a taste of fresh honey.

"One of the students was so nervous in the morning assembly that she sat on the teacher's lap," said Colleen Kustrin, who along with Karen Melnick, coordinated the event for the PTA. "By this afternoon's program, that same little girl was right up front looking at the real bee hive."

That seemed to be the goal of Wright-Sunflower as he emphasized to the students that they do not need to fear or kill honeybees. "If you see a swarm of bees on a tree, just leave it alone. Do not spray it or try to kill it. They are just looking for a new home and they will be gone in a day or two," he told the students. "The bees are really very gentle."

To demonstrate that point he showed a picture of himself with 35,000 bees making a beard on his chin and chest. "I simply took the queen out of a swarm and put it on my chin. The other bees followed," he said. He stood still, and the bees stayed like that for an hour or so until he removed the queen. "I wasn't stung even once," he said.

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### DALLAS TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## Land use limited until gas station is transferred

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
Post Staff

DALLAS TWP. — Work can take place on land at the intersection of Routes 415 and 118, but no business can open there until Dallas Borough receives title for the vacant service station at the center of town.

**Traffic study grant is not in jeopardy.** Developer J. Naparolo was granted a highway occupancy permit for the 48-acre parcel last year, after he purchased the vacant former Sunoco station, but it has strings attached. "The permit is contingent upon the right-of-way for Dallas Borough," said Bob Hassell, a PennDOT permit engineer.

In the meantime, Naparolo can completely develop the land if he so chooses. He must also install a traffic signal at a Route 415 entrance to the land. Dallas Township will be responsible for maintaining the light once it is erected.

In 2003, Naparolo presented the township planning commission with plans for a 155,530-square-foot "big box" location he said could be used by any large retail business such as a Wal-Mart, Target, Kmart or Kohl's.

Since then, Naparolo has declined to get more specific  
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## Quarterly payments, or a 5% discount, for trash collection fee

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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HARVEYS LAKE — Property owners will have options in paying the fee for trash pickup, and the borough will save some money with a new plan for delivery of bills.

Councilman Daniel Blaine said the bills will be included in the sewer authority's mailings, saving on postage. Customers should have received their first-quarter invoices last week.

The trash collection fee can now be paid quarterly, with the option of taking a 5 percent discount if the entire charge is paid from the first bill. The annual charge is \$125, or \$118.75 with the discount.

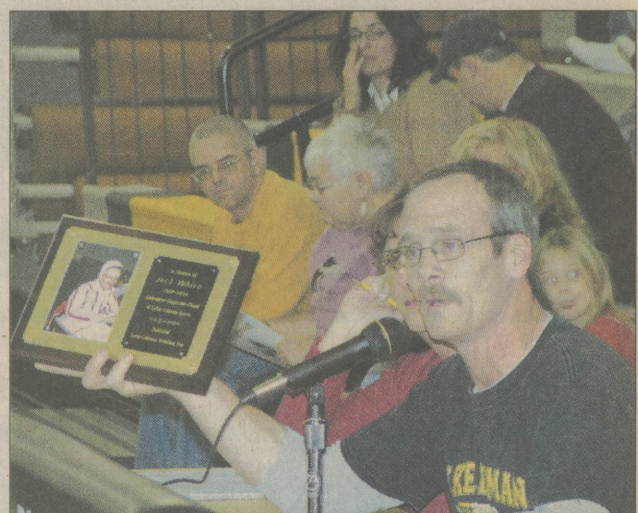
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## County commissioners will meet in Dallas

The Luzerne County Board of Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. in the Dallas Borough Council chambers, 25 Main Street. This will be the first of nine regular commissioners meetings this year that will be held at sites around the county.

The commissioners met quarterly in 2004 in Hazleton, and the meetings were "wildly successful," said spokesperson Kathy Bozinski.

Individuals requiring special assistance to attend the Dallas meeting may contact the Dallas Borough administrative office at 675-1389.



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## Honoring a fan and volunteer

Dan White held up the plaque that now hangs at Lake-Lehman High School in honor of his father, Jack White, who supported local youth wrestling programs and wrestlers for 45 years. More, page 7.

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