

Baker to lead program about reading at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will kick off its participation in the program "Pennsylvania one Book, Every Young Child" during National Library Week. Storyteller and musician Mary Baker will present a reading of "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" complete with puppets and a song at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 in the Children's Room. Baker will also give a musical storytelling program for children ages preschool through grade school. A "Traveling Trunk" filled with mouse-related puppets and games for young children will be available for hands-on creative play. Children's librarian Janet Bauman will distribute a paperback copy of the book and early literacy information to each family in attendance.

Pennsylvania libraries, museums and public television stations are joining forces to increase awareness among

parents and the childhood care and education community of the need for literacy development. Using a "one book, one state" model, the yearlong program hopes to communicate how to development early literacy skills through interactive experiences with books and stories.

Several copies of "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" will be available for patrons to borrow from the library throughout the year. Two copies will remain in the Children's Room reference section for in-house reading. Bauman will visit the children who attend the Dallas and Lake-Lehman Head Start and Early Intervention programs later in the month to read the book, present a story time and speak with the teachers about early literacy. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 675-1182.

Historical Association meeting set for April 26

The bi-annual meeting of the Back Mountain Historical Association will discuss the "Amusements of the Back Mountain" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 in the Banks Student Center's Kennedy Lounge at College Misericordia.

Local historian Charles Pettillo, author of "Harveys Lake" will be the feature speaker. The discussion will focus on the attractions at Harveys Lake - such as Hanson's Amusement Park - steamboats, hotels and other activities at the state's largest natural lake.

The Back Mountain Historical Association collects history of the Back Mountain and works in conjunction with Col-

lege Misericordia and the Luzerne County Historical Society to collect photographs and oral history interviews. To review the photograph database, log on to www.backmountain.org.

If anyone is interested in donating photographs to the database, contact Harrison Wick, College Misericordia archivist, at 674-6420.

The association holds meetings twice a year, usually in April and October. The last meeting attracted more than 170 people, who listened to Harry Owens Jr., discuss the Back Mountain Railroad. For more information about the Back Mountain Historical Association, call Marion Rogers at 674-3341.

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annotated bibliography."

The top three winners in each category advance on to the state competition, which takes place May 10-11 at Penn State University's main campus.

"I was very, very excited when I heard my group won," said Roxanne Erdman, 15, of Harveys

Lake. "I just wanted to jump up and down. As soon as I got into the car, I called my family that wasn't there."

Novrocki said that mostly freshmen at Lake-Lehman qualified for states. He thinks they have their work cut out for them, but with their talents they might be able to pull it off.

"We have to step it up and get first place this time for our documentary at states," said Erdman, a freshman. "Even if my group doesn't make it to nationals, I

think it was a good experience for me. I learned a lot about the different people that I worked with."

Students from Lake-Lehman who placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the seven categories included: Elizabeth Sullivan (grade 12), William Wilson (grade 9), Arienne Salla and Samantha Jo Hudak (grade 11), Richard Urban (grade 9), Kayla Fine (grade 9), Catherine Sullivan, Erdman and Marina Orrson (grade 9), Boyle, Bryan Poepperling and Michael

Ryan (grade 9) and Molly Murphy (grade 9), Leslee Everett and Stephanie Ciehoski (grade 9).

The top two finishes in each division at the state competition advances to the National History Day Contest in June at the University of Maryland.

"Overall it seemed like the tabletop exhibits were weaker in general this year with the other schools," Novrocki said.




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