



The cast for the Haunted Library production includes middle school, high school and college students from the area. They volunteer their time for fun and service to the community.

## Things will get a little ghoulish at the Haunted Homecoming

Haunted Homecoming, a horrifyingly twisted take on fall festivities in the Back Mountain, will be held Oct. 20-22 and Oct. 27-29 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. The ghoulish tours will take place from 6:30-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

All manner of ghosts, zombies, witches and weirdoes will be gathering for the fourth annual haunting of the library, to give—and get—one of the best scares around during the Halloween season. This year's Haunted Homecoming theme spoofs traditional fall homecoming celebrations with all the spooky, gruesome, heart-stopping frights and creatures-of-the-night that comprise a great haunted house.

Library board of directors member Nadine Young and her crew of die-hard Halloweeners have spearheaded the production since its inception in 2003. "You have to be a little crazy to do this year

after year, but it's still fun," said Young.

"The adults and young people that volunteer to run this show are amazing. We rely heavily on the efforts and donations of people from the community. It's hectic and chaotic, but so rewarding when it all comes together."

Adult and student volunteers from the Back Mountain and beyond work for months to transform the library grounds for Halloween. Last year's Dallas After Dark haunting drew more than 800 visitors, with 100 percent of profits going to the library.

Admission to the Haunted Homecoming is \$6 per person. The event is geared for people age 5 to adult. There will be outdoor games and crafts on the library grounds that are perfect for youngsters not ready for a haunted house. Refreshments will be available for purchase, as well as a bake sale. All proceeds associated with the event will help fund library operations.

## RETIRED L-L TEACHERS GATHER FOR LUNCH



A group of retired school teachers from the Lake-Lehman School District recently got together for a luncheon. Attending the event, from left, first row are Marge Cosgrove, Joseph Solomon, Thelma Belles, Robert Belles, Judy Dawe, Julie Iwanowski, Carol Williams, Ed Ladamus, Maryann Blessner and Jeanne Purcell. Second row: Margaret Holgren, Janet Addy, Doty Dawe, Patricia Peiffer, Bonnie Bohr, Sandra Goodwin, Patricia O'Neil, Georgeanne Jones, Bonnie Turchin, Helen Maher, Catherine Cortegerone, Louise Schwartz and Armonde Casagrande.

## BMBA KICKS OFF HUMAN RESOURCE SERIES



The Back Mountain Business Association recently held the first of its three-part Human Resource Series during a meeting at Irem Temple County Club in Dallas. Guest speaker Craig Piso, an organizational psychologist and partner of Signet Health Solutions, spoke to the members about leadership determining productivity. The second part of the Human Resource Series, "The Importance of Wage and Hour Issues for Small Business," will be held at noon Thursday, Oct. 12 at Ragz Restaurant in Dallas. The guest speaker will be Susan Montross, vice president of human resources at Allied Services. The final part of the series, "The Legal Side of Human Resources," will be held at noon Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Castle Inn, Dallas. The guest speaker will be attorney Jim Valentine of the law firm Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald. Reservations are required for the meetings. The cost \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. For reservations, call 675-9380. For more information about the Back Mountain Business Association, or to become a member, visit the Web site [www.bmbaonline.com](http://www.bmbaonline.com). Attending the first series of the Human Resource Series, from left, are Don Glickert, Piso, and BMBA president Beth Ann Delaney.

### CIVIC BRIEFS

#### Playground closed at Frances Slocum

The water tower at Frances Slocum State Park is receiving a coat of paint. Due to the proximity of the playground to the work site, the playground will be closed until the painting project is completed. The painting project should be completed by the second week of November. All other areas of the park will remain open from 8 a.m. to sunset.

#### Halloween parade being held Oct. 29

The Kiwanis Club of Dallas will host the annual Children's Halloween Parade on beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Registration will begin at noon near the former Dallas Township School on Church Street (adjacent to the Little League field). Judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. All Back Mountain area children are welcome to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the

prettiest, funniest, ugliest, scariest, most original and best group. The parade will proceed down Church Street to the rear of the Eastern Star building behind CVS Pharmacy. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available. For more information, call 675-3959, 696-3640 or 674-2910.

#### Grief support group begins at St. Paul's

Diakon Hospice Saint John will hold a monthly grief support group from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. The group will be led by the Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeffer, chaplain of Hospice Saint John. The group will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at the church.

Anyone experiencing grief, including families who did not receive hospice services, are encouraged to participate. The meetings are an informal gathering, allowing participation at

individual comfort levels and participants are welcome to bring a friend. There is no charge to attend, however registration is required. To register, call the Hospice office in Hazleton at 459-6778 or the church office at 675-3859.

#### Civil War group holding meetings

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will present Sheldon A. Munn's program "Freemasons at Gettysburg" during its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 in the lower level of the Dallas American Legion on Route 415.

Sheldon is a lifelong student of the Civil War, a former licensed guide at Gettysburg Battlefield and a National Park Service volunteer. Sheldon is also editor of

the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table's Dispatch newsletter.

This is not a reenactment group. Anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about the Round Table is invited to attend a meeting. The group meets the second Thursday of each month.

The Oct. 12 program is open to the public for a \$3 fee. Memberships are also available for \$15.

#### Odd Fellows hosting breakfast

Oneida Lodge 371, Independent Order Of Odd Fellows will hold an old-fashioned breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door or by calling 675-1006.

The public is invited and the church is handicapped-accessible.

#### Friday the 13th a night for ghost stories

Local storyteller Mary Baker will host the event "Ghost Stories at Frances Slocum" at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at Frances Slocum State Park's pavilion No. 1. The public is invited. For more information, call Frances Slocum State Park environmental education specialist Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

#### All-day bingo to be held Oct. 15

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Co. in Center Moreland will hold an all-day

bingo Sunday, Oct. 15. The doors will open at noon and early birds start at 1:30 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be provided for all players. For reservations, call Jim at 333-4095. Walk-ins are welcome.

#### Food pantry in need of items

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has a significant need for the following items—flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

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