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Ryan White, Toni Traver and Rachelyn Wandel, all of Noxen, are interested in the animal display at the Child Safety Expo.



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Children who participated in the summer reading program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library were treated to a skit finale put on by the Gaslight Theatre group.

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Cross Valley Chiropractic also raffled off a backpack full of school supplies.

Luzerne County SPCA featured bite prevention and brought along a Pug dog named "Chloe" while Tammy Jordan, educational and volunteer coordinator for the SPCA, instructed the children when and where it is okay to pet a dog.

Whatta Pup dog training center had an Afghan hound dog for kids to pet. Dog trainer MJ Moss explained to children that they should wait for a dog to approach them first and that they should not reach for or stare at a dog. Once it is okay to pet the dog, a person should start petting the dog's shoulder or neck area, she explained.

The Pennsylvania State Police offered free child fingerprinting and the Veteran's Affairs Police made available booklets on drugs and alcohol, cyber safety, bullying and gangs. Lehman Township Police gave out gun locks and take-home fingerprinting kits to parents while the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department offered fire safety leaflets showing kids the correct way to escape a burning house and helping parents to implement a fire emergency plan. Children received plastic red firefighters' hats.

TK's Reptile Rescue had a corn snake, a ball python snake, turtles, and an iguana at the expo, drawing children to the stand to look at the reptiles, which are all unwanted or abandoned. TK explained to the children how all reptiles need heat and most need UVB light. She pointed out a turtle whose bottom shell was smaller than its top because he had received improper care.

Ryan White, 7, left the expo with information and souvenirs in hand.

"I learned a lot," said White, who especially liked the reptiles and whose father, Jim, is the Assistant Fire Chief for Noxen Fire Department. The elder White knows first-hand about the importance of educating his child on what to do in an emergency.

"We brought him out because we wanted him to see everything and learn about fire safety," said Jim White.

Boback plans to hold the Child Safety Expo again next year, making it an annual event.

"This event was an opportunity for both children and parents to learn about what they can do in dangerous situations and stay safe."

Rep. Karen Boback
About Child Safety Expo



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Rep. Karen Boback, a former teacher, is game to put her hand in this experiment on germs at the Child Safety Expo. Watching Boback are Corey and Chris Ehret, Dallas.

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gued the correct answer had their name put in a jar and were eligible for a prize. The "first mystery" clues were: "Look in the mirror and who do you see? You should know this person very well. This person is in the library now. This person does not work in the library." The correct answer was "me." Ethan Zawatski, 7, had his name drawn from the "mystery one" bowl. "Mystery two" clues were, "The key is a skill that will be important all through life. The key is not made of metal. It is not easy to forget this key. The key can open many doors." The correct answer was "reading." Nichole Conrad, 6, guessed correctly and had her name drawn from the "mystery two" bowl.

To reward the parents who made sure their children completed the required reading, the library filled a tote bag with \$20 gift cards to Barnes and Noble, Wegman's, and Friendly's; a sensory dome; bookmarks; and tablets. All of the parents' names were placed in a bowl and one was pulled out. Lori Mihalko of Lehman Township, parent of Samantha, 6; and Natasha, 4; won the tote bag.

Children were called up individually and were awarded a certificate for their reading efforts. They also received a grab bag and were able to choose one book to keep from a table. Children and parents then enjoyed cake, snacks, and beverages.

The library staff is especially grateful to their student volunteers who assisted with the summer reading program. Dallas High School Key Club members Alli Smith, Kim Coscia, Katelyn Reinert, and Jake Reinert helped. Students Elise Fields and Virginia Reinert also aided with the program.



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DR. CHAUDHRI served a surgical internship, residency and research residency at the Department of Surgery, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, where he also completed his radiology residency. He also completed a fellowship in Interventional Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania.

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A board-certified radiologist, **DR. HOANG** completed a fellowship in Interventional Radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and served a residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia. Dr. Hoang completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia. He is a member of the Society of Interventional Radiology.



DR. PRAWAK completed his rotating internship at the Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo, as well as a residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

A board-certified radiologist, Dr. Prawak also completed a fellowship in Abdominal Imaging at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia.



DR. SARADA, a board-certified radiologist, completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, New York. He also served a fellowship in Emergency and Trauma Radiology at the Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland Medical System, Baltimore.

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