

Library is going to be a 'buggy' place

Fly on in to the Back Mountain Memorial Library and "Catch the Reading Bug" this summer! All children "knee high to a grasshopper" (that's pre-school through sixth grade) are welcome to register for the summer reading program. You will be "bugged" to read eight, 10 or 12 books over the summer for which you will be rewarded with prizes, books and a fun final party. You'll be merry as a cricket all summer! Here's the buzz about the program.

Select one of these dates and times to register, fill out your game card, decorate your bug jar, play Bug Bingo and learn all about the summer reading program activities. Children who attend one of these special sign-up programs will be eligible to win a McDonald's gift certificate compliments of the Shavertown McDonald's.

Dates and times are: 2 and 6 p.m. on Monday, June 16; 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17; 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18; 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 19; 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 21; 2 and 6 p.m. on Monday, June 23; 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24; 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25; 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June; and 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27.

If you cannot attend one of these signup times, please drop by the library during regular business hours to register.

You will be kept "busy as a bee" from the starting date of June 16 to the final party of August 14! Every time you go to the library to select your books, you will have fun guessing the number of gummy worms in the jar, learning a bug fact and retelling it to a staff member and trying to guess the



Victoria Grzyboski, of Lehman, left, and Cindy Lohmann, of Sweet Valley, on ladder, prepare for a very "buggy" display during the upcoming summer reading program "Catch the Reading Bug" at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The two volunteers have been creating summer reading displays for the Children's Room for the past four years.

day and time that the library's butterfly hatches!

If you are a pre-schooler, you will be part of the "Read-to-Me" program and your parents will make a promise to read to you. If you are in school and reading, you will be a part of the "Readers" program and you will promise to read eight, 10, 12 books or more over the summer. You will keep track of the titles of your books on your gameboard and for every 15 minutes that you read, you will put a bug in your bug jar! If you are reading lengthy chapter books, you will receive a special Metamorphosis game sheet to keep track of the hours you spend reading. There will be prizes throughout the summer and special programs, too!

The programs include: "Bugs, Magic & More," a special all library program, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, at the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center at King's College. "Internet Safety" is scheduled

for 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30, for fourth through sixth graders and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for seventh and eighth graders from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Karen Lindsay will help tweens and teens find safe ways to do the things they like to do online.

Rick Mikula, "The Butterfly Guy" of Hazleton, is a well-known expert on butterflies and will present a delightful program for all ages at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, in the Children's Room.

"Catch the Etiquette Bug" with Mrs. Jill Kryston and learn table manners, social etiquette and communication skills in association with "Defining Manners: A School of Contemporary Protocol." There is an \$18 fee for this program and it is geared towards children ages 8 through 12. The class is scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, in the Children's Room and is limited to 12 children. Attire for the class is casual dress.



Viola Hoover, seated, a current resident of the Meadows in Dallas, gathered with family and friends at the Hoover homestead on June 8 to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Viola Hoover becomes a centenarian

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was written by Jerry Shilanski, a long-time neighbor and "sort of an adopted son" of Viola Hoover.

Viola Hoover, a long-time member of the Meeker and Lehman Methodist congregations, became a centenarian on Monday, June 10.

Born in 1908 in a house located on the Lehman-Meeker Road to Rose Fiske Sarver and William Sarver, Viola was still an infant when the family moved to the village of Broadway on the far western border of Luzerne County.

She remembers helping her sister, Asenith, and her brother, Stanley, carry buckets of drinking water into the one-room school at Harveyville. When it came time for her to attend high school, she had to drive a horse and buggy five miles to Huntington Mills. Years later, an unnamed friend told one of Viola's sons that, on more than one occasion, his mother was reprimanded by the school principal for driving too fast. Viola, who graduated from high school in 1926, refuses to confirm that story.

Viola married Arthur F. Hoover of Harvey's Lake in 1927. The couple set up housekeeping in Plymouth, lived for a time in Kingston and, in 1933, moved to a house located on the Hildebrand Farm (known today as Shadyrill Farm) in Loyalville.

By the time the Hoovers bought their current home on the Lehman Outlet Road in 1945, they had three sons: Gerald, of Unionville; Gordon, of Middlesex, New Jersey; and Dale, of Atwater, California.

Cancer took Viola's left leg in 1969 and her husband passed away in 1977. With a prosthetic leg, Viola managed to live alone in her Lehman home and drive her own car to the store and to church well into the present century.

After breaking a hip for the third time in six years, she determinedly told Gerald she would be okay "because now I know how to take care of it."

Gerald, however, thought it a better idea for his mother to move to the Meadows in Dallas where she would receive personal care. Although pretty much

confined to a wheelchair, Viola cheerily participates in many of the activities provided for Meadows residents.

One of her favorite memories of her childhood is that birthdays were always celebrated with homemade ice-cream, made with ice that had to be hauled by horse and buggy from Huntington Mills.

Gerald promised to have three of Viola's favorite things (ice-cream from Hillside Dairy, pizza from Grotto Pizza and chili from Wendy's) on hand when all three of her sons and many other members of her family and friends gathered for a Century Celebration at the Hoover homestead on June 8. Viola also has six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She enjoys receiving cards and visitors at the Meadows Nursing Care Unit in Dallas.

"You'll have to come back for the party!" she once told a neighbor who suggested she might live to be 200. With an attitude such as that - she just might become the community's first bicentennial.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Fundraiser will benefit mission project

A fundraiser will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, at Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas with 20 percent of the proceeds benefiting a mission trip planned by members of local churches.

Seventeen people from the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, Center Moreland United Methodist Church, Forty Fort United Methodist Church and the Huntsville United Methodist Church will leave on Sunday, July 20, to travel to the Henderson Settlement, part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky where they will work to will repair the home of a 64-year-old woman in Appalachia. Each person is responsible for paying his or her own room and board.

Huntsville church holds Vacation Bible School

Powerlab Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily from

June 23 to June 27 at the Huntsville Christian Church.

To register, call 824-5059 or log onto groupvb.com/webtoybox/myvb/funlab.

Program at Noxen Bible Baptist Church

The public is invited to attend a special presentation by Bob Jones University Drama Ministry team at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 27, at Noxen Bible Baptist Church, State Route 29, Noxen.

The program will feature the original drama "Every Good and Every Perfect Gift."

The Drama Ministry Team is touring the Mid-Atlantic United States this summer. Members of the group are students at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.

St. Paul's sets summer celebration

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas, will hold an "All That Jazz" Summer Celebration/Live Auction on Saturday, Aug. 16, start-

ing at 10 a.m.

In addition to the wide range of items available for sale at the craft fair, there will be booths selling baked goods, books, plants, jewelry and "odds and ends" items, as well as a basket silent auction.

Auction bidding will begin at 6:30 p.m. The auction features antiques, furniture, household goods and many other items of interest. A maple leaf patterned quilt created by the Back Mountain Quilters will also be put up for auction.

Afternoon entertainment will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will include "Kate & Friends," a Christian ventriloquist group, and the barbershop quartet "Three Friends and a Baritone." A children's activities booth will provide games and simple crafts for young children. A local antiques expert will offer free appraisals from 4 to 5 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the St. Paul's Senior Youth Group trip to New Orleans in July 2009 to attend the "Jesus, Justice, Jazz" Youth

Gathering coordinated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Youth group members will take part in community service and rebuilding projects in New Orleans while attending the gathering.

Tables for specialty vendors are \$25 and are still available. Call the St. Paul's Church office at 675-3859 for more information or to reserve a table.

Vendors sought for St. Paul's celebration

Vendors are wanted to sell arts and crafts, specialty items, etc. at the "All That Jazz" Summer Celebration and Auction on Saturday, Aug. 16, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas. Cost is \$25 for a 10 feet by 10 feet space which will be under a tent (no electricity and vendors provide their own tables).

If you are interested or would like a registration form, contact the church office at 675-3859. Funds raised will benefit the Senior Youth Group's trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering

in New Orleans in 2009 where they plan to take part in community service projects to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.

CUMC schedules VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20, at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church. The schedule is Monday, 8:45 a.m. to noon; Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon with a

closing program set for 7 p.m. on Friday.

There will be classes for students in kindergarten through sixth-grade with junior and senior high student as leaders and helpers. There will be no nursery class this year.

Pre-registration is requested by calling Meg at 333-1016. For more information, call Susan at 333-4579 or Pastor Drew at 333-4354.

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