

Second audition set for Back Mtn. Youth Theatre Company

The Back Mountain Youth Theatre Company will host a second night of youth auditions at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, for the upcoming summer theatre production of "Folk Tales from Around the World." This is the 10th summer that Back Mountain Youth Theatre Company has offered this summer acting opportunity, and also for the 10th year, this produc-

tion will perform for the Penn State Arts at Hayfield Festival slated for Sunday, Aug. 24.

First Auditions were held on Tuesday, July 22, and roles are cast for two of the four scripts. However, all roles in two additional scripts are still fully open. Beginning actors are always welcome. BMYT will provide all direction and training. Ages eight to 18 years are welcome to

audition. There is no experience needed for any youth actors to audition. Great roles are available for experienced youth character actors, but roles still exist for beginners as well. Auditions include reading from the script from different roles and some character improvisation. Parents are welcome to stay on site during auditions.

Directors are very experi-

enced with youth and will make this a pleasant and rewarding experience for the youngest and those with little to no experience. The youngest auditioning will be doubled with an older mentor and directors can and will feed lines and creative direction to assist the youngest in having a successful audition.

All rehearsals and workshops will be held in August. Hours for

rehearsals will be determined based on availability of the acting teams in each of the four different scripts. All actors are asked to provide their August conflicts so that a workable rehearsal schedule can be determined up front. Roles are cast to work around family vacations, etc. Each actor is responsible for his or her memorization to be done at home. Beginners are not

overwhelmed with too many lines. This production will be directed by Gina Major Ackerman, veteran youth musical theatre, voice and drama instructor, with 20 years coaching and teaching in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Please call 675-4333 for further information and to register your name for the second auditions.

Beaumont picnic a big hit

It was a day of fun, competition, food and camaraderie during the Beaumont Community Day picnic recently at the baseball field next to the Old Beaumont school. Coordinated as a joint venture by the Bob Horlacher Little League Association, the Monroe Township Community Association and the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company, the event offered something for residents of all ages.

Firemen's Olympics for children included everything from a bucket brigade to an egg toss while the Smoke House was on hand to provide children with information about staying safe during a fire. A clown made his way through the crowd as did Smokey the Bear while children enjoyed fire-truck rides, courtesy of the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company.

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A swing and a miss for Taylor Kelley, of Dallas, who played a ball toss game at the Bob Horlacher Field in Beaumont during the town's Community Day picnic and barbecue.

A Home Run Derby was held with girls and boys of all ages participating. Winners were Lenny Kelley, Billy Rought and Alec Walter, 5- and 6-year-old division; Mark Holton, Tommy Traver and Rusty Coolbaugh, 7- and 8-year-old division; Andrew Cook, Shane Holton and Joel Downs, 9- and 10-year-old division; Ryan Weiss, Alicia Spudis and Taylor Kelley, 11- and 12-year-old division.

The Second Annual Old Mitt Game featured 12-year-old male and female baseball players from the Bob Horlacher Little League and was divided into the East division, consisting of players from Franklin, Northmoreland and Falls Townships and the West division, consisting of players from Noxen and Monroe Townships and the northeastern part of Dallas Township.

To make things even during the game, innings are alternated between softball and baseball. Last year, the West won with a knock-off home run in the 16th inning. This year, the West garnered a 22-13 victory in six innings.



Three-year-old Cody Lee, of Orange, is pleased to settle down with three lollipops at the Beaumont Community Day picnic.



Left: Packing as much as they could into the chicken barbecue dinners were Janet Shalata, left, and Jeanette Corby.



Bottom left: Families and friends sat together for a chicken barbecue lunch at Beaumont's Annual Community Day Picnic held in the baseball field next to the Old Beaumont school.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Lake Silkworth Fire Dept. bazaar set

Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department will hold a bazaar August 1-3 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Route 29. Gates open each night at 5 p.m. There will be nightly live entertainment, homemade foods, refreshments and games for all ages.

Support Group will meet on August 7

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

Craft Sale planned

The 20th Annual Craft Sale and Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Dallas Chapter Eastern Stall Hall, Foster Street and Woodlawn Avenue (behind CVS Drug Store).

Vendor spaces are 8' x 12' and are available for \$10 each. A new limited number of tables are available inside at \$15 each with the table provided.

Eastern Star members will serve lunch and their famous Welsh cookies will be available.

For information, call Irene Transue at 675-1367.

Vendors sought

Food and craft vendors are being sought for the Harveys

Lake Homecoming set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10, at Old Sandy Bottom/Harveys Lake Beach Club.

For information or to have an application mailed, call Shirley Mallory at 639-0160.

Cruisers to take part in HL parade

The Wyoming Valley Cruising Cruisers (PT Cruiser Group) will participate again this year in the Harveys Lake Homecoming Parade at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10.

The Cruising Cruisers are well known for their "Fundrives for a Cause," annual events held in September to raise money and awareness for autism. This year's event has been postponed but anyone wishing to donate may do

so by sending a check or money order to FUNDRIVE 2008 c/o Earthly Angels Autism Fund of the Luzerne Foundation 32, Huckleberry Lane, Duryea, PA 18642.

To learn more about the organization, visit www.earthlyangels.org.

Healthy Heart Seminar slated

State Rep. Karen Boback, in conjunction with Geisinger Health of Wilkes-Barre and Back Mountain Mutual Aid, will hold a "Healthy Heart Seminar" from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Kunkle Fire Hall.

The event will be open to all emergency responders, including EMTs, volunteer firefighters and local police departments. Cholesterol and

blood pressure screenings will be offered, along with information on proper oral care, body mass index calculating, massage therapy, and hearing tests. State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann will be the special guest that day.

Dallas Harvest Festival returns

The Sixth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, on a portion of Main Street, Dallas, between the Route 415 intersection and Huntsville Road.

Dallas Days Weekend will get underway on Friday, Sept. 12, with the annual Dallas Days Dance, featuring the return of "Just Us" and "Abilene" from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Shadowbrook Pavilion

in Tunkhannock. Ticket prices are \$25 each and include light refreshments, beer and soda.

Tickets will be sold in advance only and will go on sale July 30 at Ochman's Coins and Jewelry in Dallas and the Dallas Borough Municipal Offices, 25 Main St., Dallas.

For more information, call the Dallas Harvest Festival Hotline at 675-1950.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Coombs on Dean's List

Savannah A. Coombs, of Harveys Lake, was named to the Spring Dean's List at Lebanon Valley College, Annville. Coombs is a junior studying elementary education. Dean's List students must maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or above on a 4-point scale.