

Reading program ends with party

Participants of "Catch the Reading Bug" at the Back Mountain Memorial Library will celebrate their summer of reading with a final party and program with Kathy Kelchner, environmental educator, at Frances Slocum State Park at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Kelchner will take the children on a bug hunt and explain the various insects and bugs along the way. Families are asked to meet at pavilion #3 and bring additional chairs and blankets. Play clothes are recommended for the children.

Prizes will then be awarded to the children who guessed the correct number of gummy worms in the jar, who guessed the correct date and time that the butterflies hatched and who explained a bug fact to a staff member when they checked out their books.

Certificates will be awarded to those children who participated in the program and each child will receive a paperback book.

Sam's Club is presenting the children with a bug decorated cake, the Old Country Buffet is providing sugar cookies and Pepsi Bottling of Wilkes-Barre is donating the refreshments.

Parents must register their children for the party by calling the library at 675-1182.



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Kathy Kelchner, environmental educator at Frances Slocum State Park, will take children on a bug hunt and explain the various insects and bugs during the final party and program of the "Catch the Reading Bug" program of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The party is set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Bill Holena is scholarship winner

Bill Holena III, a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, is a winner of a scholarship from The Northern Tier Hardwood Association. Holena, who is attending Luzerne County Community College, is studying Forest Technology and received \$500 from the NTHA.

Four locals are named to Dean's List

Nicole Allan, Alana Allan, Meghan T. Mitchell and Joanna Bryn Smith, all of Shavertown, have earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University for the spring 2008 semester.

Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes and complete at least 15 credits to earn Dean's List status for the semester.

Dr. Brenda Hage presents paper in Italy

Brenda Hage, Ph.D., CRNP, associate professor of nursing at Misericordia University, recently presented a paper at the International Society for Gerontechnology in Pisa, Italy.

Dr. Hage was recently named the new director of graduate nursing programs at Misericordia University and has also served as the coordinator of the



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advisory council for Spyglass Consulting Group, Menlo Park, Calif.

Dr. Hage and her husband, Naftly, live in Dallas. The couple has two sons, David and Michael.

Conor Harrington is award recipient

Conor C. Harrington, son of John and Kathy Harrington, of Dallas, was named the 2008 recipient of the Saint Michael's College Scholarship and Service Book Award. The award recognizes students who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and leadership through community service.

Harrington, a student at Holy Redeemer High School, was presented the book "First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers" by Luong Ung, a 1993 Saint Michael's College graduate who has become a widely-acclaimed author.

Stull is named to food pantry post

Mark Stull, serials management specialist at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at Misericordia University, has been



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named to the volunteer position of director of the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The Dallas resident will manage a volunteer staff of more than 40 people who annually dispense more than 40,000 pounds of food to over 1,650 needy people in more than 600 regional homes.

A graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Stull has been on staff at Misericordia since October 2007 and is responsible for the acquisition of all research and reference materials, including scholarly journals, technical periodicals, newspapers, magazines and research publications for the library.

He and his wife, Lisa, have four children: Sara, Rachael, Rebecca and Isaiah.

Carlson earns PhD

Paul E. Carlson, Jr. recently graduated with his PhD in Molecular Virology and Microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh in the School of Medicine.



Carlson

He is currently working as a post doctoral fellow at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. A 1998 graduate of Dallas High School, Carlson is the son of Paul and Diann Carlson, of Shavertown.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Music Box plans summer workshop

A Summer Theatre Workshop for children ages 8 to 13 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through August 15 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. A workshop show will be held at 6 p.m. on August 15 and 16.

Enrollment fee is \$150 and reduced rates are offered for two or more children from the same family. Call 283-2195 or 800-698-PLAY for enrollment forms.

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, call Shirley Mallory at 639-0160.

Cruisers to participate 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.

Watershed Assn. plans workshop

The Abrahams Creek Watershed Association will hold an educational workshop on the management of invasive species at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, in the Wyoming Community Center second floor, Breese Street, Wyoming.

Mary Pat Appel, a master gardener from Penn State Cooperative Extension, will present the workshop entitled "America's Most Wanted" and will cover the top 10 invasive species in Northeast Pennsylvania.

The workshop is free, open to the public and will include raffle give-aways. For more information and registration, contact Eileen Cipriani 287-3349 or ecipriani@comcast.net.

Take a stroll down memory lane with a pictorial history of the "Meadows."

For more information, call 675-8600.

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 E.M.T.s, 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.

Open House at Old Noxen School

The Noxen Historical Community Association Inc. will hold an Open House at the Noxen Historical Community Center (Old Noxen School) School Street Noxen from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17.

An art show featuring the works of Chuck Kovalick and his students will be held on the second floor. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 298-2052.

Beef dinner planned

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family style beef dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 11. Children under the age of 6 eat free.

Meadows celebrates 25th anniversary

The Meadows Nursing Center will have a 25-year anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27 in the lobby and All-Purpose Room. The community is invited to enjoy refreshments a light lunch and free raffles.

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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 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.

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