

Havin' fun in Kunkle

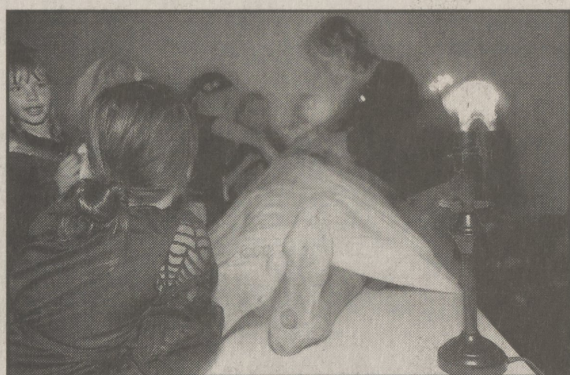


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Tori Davis, of Beaumont, snags an apple during the bobbing contest at the Kunkle Fire Company Halloween Party.

The Kunkle Fire Company Hall was filled to overflowing with costumed children and their families last Saturday for the company's annual Halloween Party.

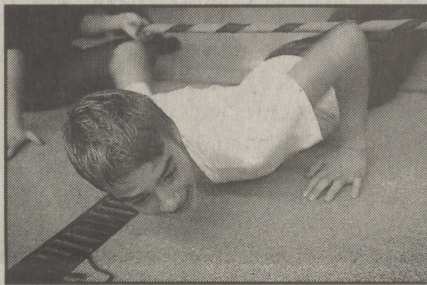
There were prizes for the best costumes, apple bobbing, limbo dances and all kinds of fun stuff.



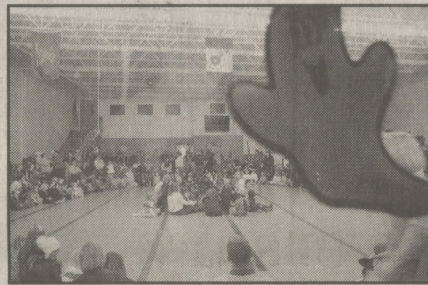
Kari Dodson provides a hands-on operating room experience for brave children at the Kunkle Fire Company's Annual Halloween Party.



Rusty and Breezy Coolbaugh take in the sights at the makeshift operating room during the Kunkle Fire Company's Annual Halloween Party.



David Oliver, of Harveys Lake, goes low under the limbo pole during the party.



Costumed children and their families have fun at the Kunkle Fire Company's Annual Halloween Party.



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Pictured at a recent planning session of a new local chapter of "Youth & Government" held at Misericordia University are, from left, first row, Matt Sharpley, W-B YMCA; Ashley Davenport, Tunkhannock Area School District; Representative Karen Boback, Bonnie Gregory, Crestwood School District; Marilyn Glogowski, Lake-Lehman; Jim Thomas, W-B YMCA; and Michael MacDowell, Misericordia University President. Second row, Frank Glicki, Dallas Area Superintendent; Chris Gagaris, Crestwood; Dan Nestorick, Dallas School District; Jeff Shaffer, Dallas; Joseph Goode, Benton Area School District; Doug Klopp, Northwest Area; and Jim Bevan, Tunkhannock.

New group lets youths see government work

State Representative Karen Boback, in conjunction with state and local chapters of the YMCA, has announced the formation of a new chapter of "Youth & Government."

The program, described as "groundbreaking" in the 117th Legislative District, allows students from area high schools to learn how state government works. Those selected to participate in this new project will have the opportunity to discuss current state issues with administrators, elected officials and students from across the Commonwealth and YMCAs throughout the state. The Youth and Government program runs from November through April when delegates are chosen to participate in a three-day event held at the state capitol. Teens lead

the conference and the state provides facilities for students to debate and vote on bills their fellow delegates have written. Bills that pass in committee are taken to the House or Senate floor for full debate and vote.

State Representative Karen Boback (R-Harveys Lake) is very excited about this new project.

"As a former educator, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share some of my own experiences in state government with those students who will be part of our 'Youth & Government' local chapter," Boback said. "I would like to thank the participating school district officials who have been working so diligently to help lay the groundwork for this exciting program. Their efforts have been outstanding."

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Simulated emergency fire tests preparedness at Dallas correctional institution

Officials at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas simulated an emergency fire in the prison's mattress factory last week to practice response capabilities and cooperation with local agencies.

"The Department of Corrections and SCI Dallas conduct regular emergency exercises to ensure that our employees are prepared to use their skills and training in the event of an emergency," said SCI Dallas Superintendent Michael Klopotoski. "This most recent exercise involved our calling upon local fire departments for assistance."

While the state prison has its own fire emergency response team, officials may need to call upon local fire departments for

help. "The drills allow everyone to become familiar with the prison and with our procedures," Klopotoski said. "It also allows us to work together using the incident command system. It's much better to practice and make sure things work right during an exercise than to be caught off guard during an actual emergency."

As part of the fire simulation, emergency notification was made to all local emergency agencies. Participants from the Jackson Township, Shavertown and Lehman Township volunteer fire companies, Lake Silworth Volunteer Fire and Ambulance and Trucksville and Jackson Town volunteer ambulance

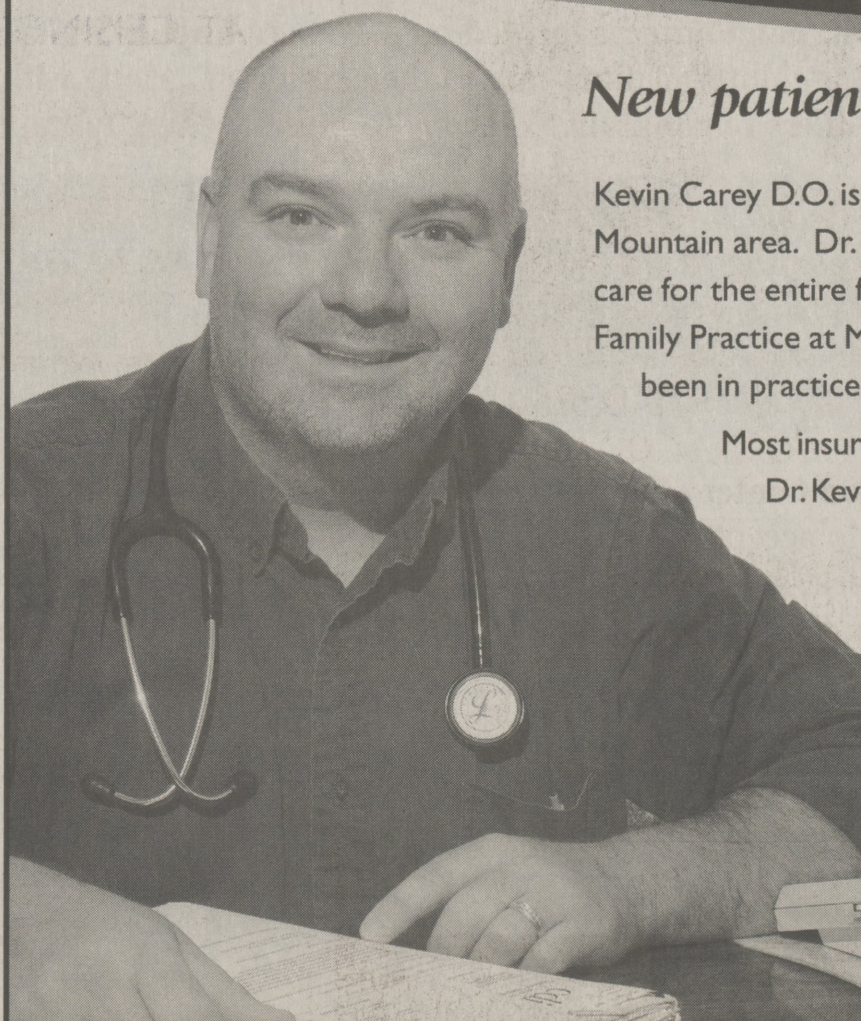
services participated in the exercise.

In addition to assessing the assistance and interaction among prison staff and local emergency management, the exercise tested the prison's preparedness to deal with a major fire, as well as its ability to activate

the prison's on-duty fire emergency response team and its incident command system, conduct evacuation and rescue operations in affected areas, and lockdown and count the inmate population. The scenario also measured staff accountability and the facility's pager system.

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