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and this is his very first play. So how did he land the role? "Luck? Skill? I fit the part," Sherman said. In his role, Sherman doesn't trust women and is bitter about love and romance. But he respects Lady Jessica because, like

him, she is smart. Sherman and Zerfoss share a tidbit of flirtation at the end of the play which, they say, is easy since they have been dating for four months. "It allows you to let go and express yourself," Zerfoss said of acting. "You have to or it doesn't work," Sherman added. Rachael Alles, a freshman, says getting ready to be Alice Rucastle is a lot fun, but also a lot of work. Alles likes her peers

in the drama club and has even made new friends. Sophomore Jonathan Wallace will play Sir Reginald, but acting isn't new to him. Wallace has been a thespian for 10 years and is involved with the Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre and the Music Box Dinner Playhouse in Swoyersville. "I just like being theatrical and over-dramatizing everything," Wallace said. "This is my sport."

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"We have found that 'right of way' violations are the greatest cause of crashes on roads such as Center Hill," Jolley said. "This would include stop signs, left turn movements and vehicles entering the roadway violations."

Elizabeth Cusma, 24, is a life-long resident of Claude Street and says speeding has always been a problem in the area.

"When I was a kid, the cars would just come speeding around the corner and not even care to look if anyone was there," Cusma said. "Cars just come speeding down Center Hill and then they turn onto Claude Street to use it as a throughway."

Cusma says years ago, her neighbors installed a "Slow: Children at Play" sign, but that it didn't do anything. She said she doesn't think there is a posted speed limit sign on Claude Street, however, a sign on Center Hill Road indicates the speed limit on that road is 35 miles per hour.

Spencer says she has notified the police of the speeding and heavy traffic several times but has not seen an officer on the

roads. "I have called them and told them about some of the instances...and they say 'Oh yeah, we'll have somebody come down and take a look' and they don't," Spencer said.

Jolley says that police patrol all township roads as frequently as possible and that the Brian Kocis murder case in the area put a strain on the department's funds.

Kocis, 44, a gay porn producer, was found dead inside his Midland Drive, Dallas Township, home that was set ablaze on Jan. 24, 2007.

Joseph Kerekes, 35, pleaded guilty in December to second-degree murder in the Kocis case and is serving a life sentence. Harlow Cuadra, 27, was found guilty by a jury of first-degree murder in March and was sentenced to life in prison.

Both men are from Virginia Beach, Va.

Although the department does receive complaints about speeding, Jolley says it is difficult to enforce speed because Pennsylvania is only one of two states that control the use of radar, California being the other. Pennsylvania municipal police departments are not permitted to use radar.

Dallas Township police uses VASCAR, stop watches and ENRADD to control speed, but by law, motorists must be going 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit to be fined.

VASCAR (visual average speed computer and recorder) is a system that measures speed by the distance a vehicle travels and the time it takes to travel a certain distance. An officer often uses VASCAR to time how long it takes a driver to pass from one point to the next.

ENRADD (Electronic Non-Radar Device) employs a device that utilizes invisible beams to time a vehicle's speed between three points. The township's original ENRADD system was stolen, Jolley says.

Spencer is especially worried about the safety of the children in the neighborhood and encourages residents to share their concerns in the current Dallas Township comprehensive plan community survey. She also hopes the police will spend more time patrolling the area.

"There is a cemetery across the street, so there is no reason why they couldn't sit there and monitor it (traffic) on a regular basis," Spencer said.



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A special art exhibit, "Libraries & Literature" is currently on display in the Children's Room at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road, Dallas. All of the illustrations were created by students from Sue Hand's Imagery. Some of the students participating in the exhibit are, from left, first row, Abby Santo, Olivia Shenefield, Caroline Siegel, Danielle Reiser, Allison Stallard, Carly Cavanaugh and Lexi Fumanti. Second row, Nicole Cavanaugh, Nick Melnick, Troy Reinert, Madeline Grant, Abby Spencer, Angelena Allen and Elizabeth Madeira.

Children's art on display at BMML

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The exhibit includes artwork by children in kindergarten through grade six. Most of the artists live in the Back Mountain area. They are Angelena Allen, Nicole Amoachi, Maria Ansilio, Caroline Banas, Brielle Brace, Carly Cavanaugh, Nicole Cava-

naugh, Gabriella Darbenzio, Madeline Forba, Victoria Fulton, Lexi Fumanti, Madeline Grant, Owen Kiluk, Devin Lindley, Abby Majeski, Caroline Majeski, Elizabeth Madeira, Nick Melnick, Kelsey Monahan, Hayden Nichols, Maisie Oldeack, Samantha Packer, Madison Perlt, Troy Reinert, Danielle Reiser, Vanessa Ryan, Abby Santo, Olivia Shenefield, Caroline Siegel, Abby Spencer, Annabella Stack and Allison Stallard.

The display features graphite drawings, colored pencils and

watercolor, all depicting a literary theme ranging from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" to "The Nutcracker."

There are also illustrations of the well-known classic "Treasure Island," as well as a book about children in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The public is invited to view this exhibit of literary art now through the next two weeks in the Children's Room, Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road, Dallas.

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