

'Night Frights' continues at library through Oct. 30

This year's Haunted Library, called "Night Frights," is based on an original story of a "sleepover" and what happens when teenagers have trouble falling asleep.

Although it is geared toward older visitors, the event can always be scaled down for each individual group. Younger children are given the option to carry a small "tap light" to increase their bravery. A donation of \$6 per person is requested but a \$1 off coupon is available at the front desk of the library.

There will also be an outside dance performance throughout each night and food is available at the refreshment stand.

"Night Frights" continues from 5 to 9 p.m. today, Oct. 25, and from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30.



Alex Baney is lost in the ice freezer at the Haunted Library.



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Ranya Grzyboski, of Dallas, and her mother Vicky saw a picture in National Geographic of a museum in Rome holding the skulls of hundreds of Capuchin monks and decided to replicate the museum in great detail for the Haunted Library. There are over 100 skulls in their display.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Gabble Volpetti, left, and Casidhe Menig get painted up for their roles at the Haunted Library.

BOTTOM LEFT: Cameron Shaner, left, and Hunter Davis are demons at the Haunted Library.



BACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Members discuss ways to develop budget

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Members of the Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP) discussed ways to develop a budget on Oct. 15 at Misericordia University.

The BMCP is an inter-municipal group composed of Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston and Lehman townships and Dallas Borough.

BMCP President Al Fox said he would like to see the group develop better zoning and planning together in the Back Mountain, as well as a uniform police department. Fox asked other municipalities for input.

The Pennsylvania Council of Governments suggests groups such as the BMCP implement a \$1 per capita fee in each participating municipality. BMCP President Al Fox, of Jackson Township; Ray Iwanowski, of Lehman Township; and Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll supported the idea.

Phil Walter, of Dallas Township, said the \$1 per capita would be costly to the township because it has about 8,000 residents. Jeffrey Box, of Kingston Township, said the township has 7,200 residents and such a fee would likely not pass among the supervisors. Box also said he does not feel the township is interested in a regional comprehensive plan.

Joseph Chacke, of NEPA-Alli-

ance, and BMCP solicitor Jeffrey Malak put together a draft for an 18-month to two-year budget for \$35,000 based on money they hope to receive by applying for a Shared Municipal Services Plan Grant through the state. They agreed to revisit the budget.

State Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Lehman Township) and State Rep. Karen Boback (R-Harveys Lake), who were at the meeting, offered to assist them.

New membership

BMCP secretary Tracey Carr reported that Harveys Lake Borough Councilman Clarence Hogan wrote a letter of interest about the borough joining the group. Lake-Lehman School District Superintendent James McGovern also wrote a similar letter on behalf of the district.

The BMCP voted to send Harveys Lake Borough officials a letter, informing them that the next step they must take is to pass a resolution in favor of joining the partnership. The BMCP will also send Lake-Lehman officials a letter to notify them that a school district does

not fit into the BMCP's articles of agreement, but that partnership members are looking into revising those articles.

According to Malak, all municipalities, school districts and even private universities in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts are eligible to join the BMCP according to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. However, the BMCP's articles of agreement refer only to municipalities, so a revision must occur before other entities can join.

Malak said he also did research on non-voting memberships. An associate membership would not allow a governmental body any voting power, but would allow it to participate in programs. An honorary membership would not allow voting power or program participation.

Grant award status

Chacke reported that the BMCP has not yet been notified if it will receive any funding it applied for from the Department of Environmental Protection Energy Conservation

Grant. Kingston and Jackson townships and Dallas Borough applied for money for solar panels while Kingston and Lehman townships and Dallas Borough applied for funding for energy efficiency upgrades.

Chacke said the BMCP should know by the end of October if it is to receive any money.

Gaming money

The BMCP is concerned that smaller municipalities don't get as much of a share as larger municipalities do in the distribution of state gaming funds. BMCP members asked Baker and Boback about the possibility of revising legislation to address the issue.

Boback said right now, the contiguous municipalities of the casino are supposed to get first priority in gaming money.

"We can work to try to advance an amendment that would make it more equitable....," Baker said. "I would agree with you that it should be more equitable."

Back Mountain sign

Boback said the Back Mountain Economic Development Council has come up with an idea to put a "Welcome to the Back Mountain" sign just beyond Carverton Road. The council would like Kingston

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LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lake-Lehman will form elementary autism class

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Lake-Lehman School District Superintendent James McGovern announced Monday evening that the district has received approval from the state to form an elementary autism class.

According to McGovern, the in-school autism elementary autism class is expected to have six students and is set to start at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

"A lot of research indicates one in 20 students could be diagnosed with autism in the next 10 years," McGovern said.

A secondary life skills program began in the district two years ago and an elementary life skills class started this school year. McGovern says the district's goal is to keep more of its special needs students in its own schools as research shows that autism rates may rise to one in 20 students in the future.

The school board authorized the advertisement of an elementary autism teacher with employment to begin at the start of the second half of the current school year.

Personnel

Maureen Devine, of Harveys Lake, was hired as an elementary teacher at Lake-Noxen Elemen-

tary School at a salary of \$39,179. Dwayne Kalinay, of Plymouth, was hired as a secondary biology teacher at a salary of \$42,291.

Others hired include Bertha Ely, of Noxen, as a food service worker at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School at rate of \$9.25 per hour; and Leonard Kislavage, of Sweet Valley, as a custodian at the junior/senior high school at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

A six-week unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act was approved for Courtney Guilianni-Judge, a secondary foreign language teacher, for Sept. 21, 2009 through Nov. 2, 2009; and for Patricia McCulloch, an elementary school health assistant, for Oct. 26, 2009 through Dec. 8, 2009.

A leave of absence was approved for Elizabeth Tenenbaum, a teacher at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, for Nov. 16, 2009 through March 16, 2010. The leave will consist of 16 sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act for 60 days.

The board rescinded its Aug. 17, 2009 motion to hire Samantha Parks, of Mountain Top, as a teacher due to Parks' reversal of decision to accept the position after she was appointed.

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