



Volunteer Heather Pitcavage, of Shavertown, serves cake and water to children and their families during the Back Mountain Memorial Library's summer reading program party.



Jean Mikush, left, her granddaughter Carly Kappler, both of Dallas, and Faith Bradley, of Harveys Lake, wait for the summer reading program party to begin.

CELEBRATE READING

A celebration of reading was held on Aug. 16 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library for members of the summer reading club, "Dream Big! READ!"

The three levels of reading - read-to-me, readers and teens - were recognized and congratulated by families in attendance.

Also recognized were members of Boy Scout Troop 281 under the leadership of Lee Ann Burkhart, Erica Wintersteen and Mae Rome who volunteered throughout the summer, helping children's librarian Janet Bauman with all the special programs and crafts associated with the summer reading program.

Parent prizes were awarded by a drawing to these families: the Dudicks, the McGuire, the Janoskis and the Colatos. The Relax & Read winner was Becky Anderson.

The audience then enjoyed a presentation by the Take the

Stage Players under the direction of Chris Metz. Metz' daughter, Caitlyn, wrote and directed the special play to remind all summer readers and their families that no one is never too old to dream or use their imaginations.

Refreshments were provided by Erin Yatsko of Travel Twist (ice cream bars and pop-sicles), Amy Pimm (sheet cakes), Roberta Brighthaupt (chips and pretzels), Pepsi (bottled water) and the American Education Services (backpacks).

Volunteers who served the children from the food booth included Noreen Gladey, staff; Anna Korey, retired staff; Heather Pitcavage and Karen Laskowski, Dallas teachers. Grounds and parking volunteers included Joe Stager, staff; Joe Dwichek, Gerry Korey and John Bauman.

Summer readers may visit the library to take home their decorated bats and stars.



Four-year-old Violet Gontkowski, left, and her mom, Kathie, of Dallas, look through books at the Back Mountain Library's summer reading program party.

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The Harveys Lake Protection Association is seeking donations from residents to maintain three islands at the entrance to the lake.

HPLA appeals to residents for help

The Harveys Lake Protective Association is once again appealing to borough residents to contribute to the Island maintenance Fund.

The organization asked for contributions in 2004 to landscape and beautify the three traffic islands at the entrance to the lake at a cost of \$16,000.

To pay for the project, the goal of the association was to raise \$6,000 from private contributions, receive \$6,000 from United Water in lieu of restoring the islands after it had dug them up and use \$4,000 from the HPLA treasury.

The organization far ex-

ceeded the \$6,000 goal and has been able to use the remaining amount to maintain the islands for the past eight years. The funds have been used for weeding, mulching, fall cleanup, spring cleanup, light bulb replacement spraying weed killer, planting of four trees, daffodils, tulips and replacing dead plants when necessary.

Earlier this summer, the islands received a major cleanup, mulching and additional plants were added as needed.

That work cost several thousand dollars and has depleted the remaining funds, except for a couple hundred dollars.



The Harveys Lake Protective Association maintains this sign welcoming visitors to the borough as well as the island on which it sits.

Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Harveys Lake Protective Association and mailed to PO Box 435, Harveys Lake, PA

18618. Donors are asked to note on the check "Island Maintenance Fund."

Matt DePrimo and Mark Sobeck are island maintenance co-chairmen.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following transfers of Back Mountain properties for the week of August 20, 2012 have been recorded in the Luzerne County Office of the Recorder of Deeds:

Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau, Giuseppe Manning (per tax claim) to Arthur L. and Constance L. Wagner, Jr., corner Cherry Street and Chase Road, Jackson Township; \$700

James M. Mattucci Jr. to Yuliya Carron, Lot 31, Marina Pointe, Harveys Lake Borough; \$200,000

Donald Swainbank to Philip and Tania Reinert, 130 Keller Lane, Kingston Township; \$12,000

Ellen Malone and Ellen Williams to Valeria Michaelene Alba, Lots 104 & 105, Lakeview Terrace, Harveys Lake Borough; \$195,000

Irwin Messick, Helen C. Messick (per attorney in fact) and Helen G. Messick (per attorney in fact) and Suzanne Harvey (attorney in fact) to Fawn and Fawn A. Caines, Lots 118, 120 & 122 Goss Manor, Dallas Township; \$119,000

Shaun M. and Jaime R. Doney to John and Stephanie Rittinger, Lot 4 Fox Hollow, Dallas Township; \$250,000

Sisters of Mercy of the Americans Mid-Atlantic Community to Steven and Judy Boyanowski, 8 Lackawanna Ave., Dallas Borough; \$120,000

Rose M. Hoover to William A. Sorber, 30 acres, Hoover Road, Lehman Township; \$1

Rose M. Hoover to William A. Sorber, 56 acres, Meeker Road, Lehman Township; \$1

Nicholas and Patricia Colangelo to Mark and Sheila Nicholson, Lot 2, Harveys Lake Borough; \$50,000

Carolyn L. Kolesar to Nicholas and Patricia Colangelo, Lot 2, Hol, Inc. subdivision, Harveys Lake Borough; \$100,000

Donald B. Rood (administrator) and Donald L. Rood (estate) to John M. Stavish, Lot 2, Rood Subdivision, Kingston Township; \$233,500

Robert T. Cook to C.H. Harveys Lake Realty, L.O.P., Harveys Lake Borough; \$230,000

Brunhilde L. Bayer (per agent), Robert A. Bayer Jr. (agent), Robert A. Bayer Jr. (trustee), Bayer Irrevocable Grantor Trust to Rose Hernandez, Lots 9 & 10, Hillcrest View Plot, Kingston Township; \$28,000

John Yenason to Jeffrey Alcott and Mary Jo Grimes, Harveys Lake Borough; \$475,000

Applause Theatre sets auditions

Applause Theatre Company is currently renovating its community arts center in Pittston and is in need of munchkins for its grand opening production of "Wizard of Oz" set for November.

This is no-fee production and all children and teens cast as munchkins can count on the majority of rehearsals to be scheduled for Saturdays.

Munchkins auditions are

set for 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the former Seton Catholic High School auditorium, William Street, Pittston.

Those auditioning will be asked to sing an uptempo song, a few bars of something simple, possibly improv a character or two and possibly run a line or two.

For more information, call 430-1149.