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## School Board forum — Disappointing turnout

Only about 45 people attended the public Donegal School Board forum last Tuesday a week ago at DHS. Over half those attending appeared to be school system personnel.

Despite the disappointing turnout, the forum started at 8:00, following an hour of free coffee, cake, and conversation. Superintendent Hallgren led off with opening remarks.

Hallgren briefly outlined how the school district is set up. He discussed the jobs of the school board, his own job, the administrators, and the teachers.

He said that citizens with complaints should go to the school administrator first, and then to the board members if something can't be worked out. Describing the Donegal District as "very open," he noted that the agendas of School Board meetings are now being published in the *Susquehanna Times*, and said that full-length, complete agendas are available at any of the district's schools' libraries.

Hallgren said that the School Board has less power than most people think, because "Federal and state money comes with strings attached."

Hallgren finished up by stating his opinion that the district is a good one. He cited Donegal's success in the Science Fairs, art and theater/music. A previous over-emphasis on academic students has been corrected, he said, by developing a solid program for students who don't want college. He also mentioned several programs in reading and other fields that are improving the elementary schools' curriculum.

School Board president Arnold spoke next. He introduced the other board members and said, "I'm very sorry that more people aren't here." Mr. Arnold then fielded questions from the floor.

The subject of discipline was immediately raised, and the recent case of a certain "3 young ladies" was brought up.

Many people came out with general statements on this matter, such as pointing out that the fault doesn't lie entirely with either the parents or the teachers. The tone of dissatisfaction was general, and all agreed that a more definite code of conduct was needed.

Walt Price, a teacher, said that teachers "would be happy to sit down parents and settle how teachers should handle discipline problems."

A woman stated that a small proportion of "disrupters" are responsible for discipline problems in the classroom, and thought that parents of disrupters should be notified that their children are in this category.

Another woman felt that a remedial program is needed for students who are not eligible for special education, but are falling behind in basic skills. She thought the district should apply for federal funding.

One parent complained that the school bus seats are too narrow for high school students, and described how the students sometimes fall off into the aisle when sitting three on a seat. Mr. Arnold replied that the state has decreed three students to a seat as the proper number, and the district could do little about it without losing funding.

One woman questioned the fact that driver education students don't get to drive until they are 17, even though they legally can at 16. DHS principal Drenner told her that there aren't enough cars and driver ed teachers, and, even if the program could get caught up, it would

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Less than 50 people attended the first public forum of the Donegal School Board.

## A night of one-act plays

The Donegal High dramatics club will present **A Night of One-Act Plays** on Friday, May 12th, at 8:00 PM in the DHS auditorium. All tickets are \$1.00 from club members or at the door. The club is under the direction of Mary-Margaret Peraro.

The plays will be:

**Night in a Very Dark Room** by Eric Steinhart, a DHS senior. This macabre mystery is played by Kirk

Billet, Bonnie Wolgemuth, LaTirsha Barnitz, Keith Pomroy, Susan Gephart and Sylvia Lutz.

**Angels Don't Marry** by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements. It's about two young people who quarrel until an old woman's philosophy brings peace.

The cast is Allison Hawthorne, Julie Endslow, Donald Kelly and Jim

Landis.

**Give and Take**, a comedy by Lawrence and Virginia Dugan. DHS stage veterans Torres, Landis, Wolgemuth, Kelly, Bigler, Runkle and Kenney are joined by a new actress, Georgiann Westerman.

**Red Carnations** is a comedy by Glen Hughes. The cast is LuAnn Brenehan, Dennis Leto, and Phillip Landis.

Proceeds from this pro-

duction will go toward future projects of the dramatics club, including the annual Veterans' Day program.

Committee chairpeople for the club are: Deb Torres and and Joi Shearer, properties; Tracee Gotwalt, costumes; Fred Straub, stage crew; Diedri Hummel, make-up; Allison Hawthorne, Sharon Cox, and Randy Fellenbaum, publicity.

## Mount Joy Jaycees scoop prizes at state convention

The Mount Joy Jaycees attended the Pennsylvania Jaycees State Convention held May 4, 5, and 6 at the Penn Harris in Harrisburg. During the Friday evening awards banquet, Mount Joy was announced as the number 7 chapter in the state.

The Mount Joy chapter was first in their population division, that is, communities of 5000 to 15000.

These awards were based on the chapter's activities in the community, project notebooks, and State Project Run.

Other awards received by Mount Joy were:

"Faith in God," which was based on attendance at State prayer breakfast and community projects run—75 Plus, Hemophilia, and the Jaycee-Inter Church Council Prayer Breakfast; "Blue Chip," which is

based on chapter management, growth, retention, and individual development programs.

There were also two notebook awards won by Mount Joy. Both were 3rd place winners. One was for "Chapter Management" and the other for "Community Involvement."

There were also two individual awards given to Mount Joy Jaycees. The first, the Robert Eyer-

award, went to last year's local chapter president Jim Wetzel. This was the 3rd place Robert Eyer-

award. The other individual award went to Richard Rossman: a first place in the state Spoke competition. The Spoke Award is given to the outstanding member in the state. Rick competed on the district regional and state levels to win this.