

IT'S PARTY TIME

Library celebrates Porter Township's 175th Anniversary

LAMAR — As usual, the summer program at the Porter Township Community Library drew a crowd of youngsters who enjoyed a multitude of activities ... including reading, of course.

But this year's program was a little more special, as the girls and boys joined in celebrating Porter Township's 175th anniversary.

The 75 children attending the program held a birthday party. They made and sent out invitations to township officials. They made their own party hats and brought in a wrapped birthday gift for a child. The gifts were presented to Mark The Shark for his annual Christmas Toy Drive.

The children also made a stepping stone for the flower bed that Master Gardener Cathi Caris helped them make last year. Cathi was back again this summer to assist the kids in placement of their stones in the flower bed.

George Dietrick from the the Penn State Extension Office spent some time with the children talking about the 4-H program. Leoni Georgiou, Nutrition Education Advisor with the Extension Office offered the children information about good groups and the importance of nutrition to their bodies. The girls and boys enjoyed making their own wraps

informational program about recycling. The children brought in a piece of garbage from home to ask if and how it could be recycled.

Sue Dotterer spent some time reading to the children. She brought along the Clinton County alternate Dairy Princess Ashton Moore, Dairy Maid Desmyn Moore and Lil' Dairy Miss Alexis Whitehill.

Other guest readers were Jaime Strunk, Tracie Heller, Thelma Caris, Judi Bennett, Sue Dotterer, Connie Peters, Rebeccah Brungard and Kelly Hastings, superintendent of Keystone Central School District.

The program received donations of ice cream coupons for every child and gift cards from Weis Store, thanks to a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial, and Sue Wilt, who made it possible.

Those assisting with the summer program this year included Pat Strunk, Jaime Strunk, Jean Belford, Dee Miller, Jane Dent, Rebeccah Brungard and Emily Brungard.

A special thank you to Judi Bennett, Amy Knight, Tracie Heller, Joan Williams and Debbie Thompkins for their help.

Library hours are Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Adults and children are welcome to stop by and

