

School Menus

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, June 16: Dinosaur pasta, vegetables, warm bread, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, June 17: Last day of school — no lunch served.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL JUNIOR, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, June 16: Bag lunch, assorted sandwiches, chips, cookie, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: cook's choice.
Tuesday, June 17: Last day of school — no lunch served.

WALES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, June 16: Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit, cheese. Lunch: Tuna boat, baked chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, June 17: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit, cheese.

SCHOOL BRIEF

Read your way around world to help wildlife

The Joshua Hyde Library's Summer Reading Program "Wild Reads at your Library" is offering a new, independent reading program for students entering grades 7-12. Travel the wilds around the globe through books that you select. The books chosen must be about or contain significant information about wildlife or their habitats around the world. (Example: "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen) If you visit each continent at least once during your travels, you will receive an extra raffle ticket. Books selected must be at your reading level and/or grade level with reading with younger children, assisting with an ESL/adult/special needs literacy program, or other community service.

You will earn raffle tickets for chances to win great prizes. Or, you may use your raffle tickets to vote for an endangered animal "Adoption Option." The animal with the most votes will be "adopted" through the World Wildlife Fund.

Register online or at the library beginning June 2nd. If you register online (<http://iread.evanced.info/sturbridge/sr/hompage.asp>), you must visit the library to pick up your passport and instructions. Final day to submit reading passports will be August 1, 2008. Call the Library at 508/347-2512 for further information.

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LEARNING

Youth group volunteers on spring vacation

STURBRIDGE — During the April school break several youth from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge joined with nearly four dozen others on their annual Mission Trip. The young people, members of the Lutheran Inter-Parish Youth Group of Central Mass. traveled to Gettysburg, Pa. over school break, the week of April 21. During the week the young people worked in two food banks, served meals at a soup kitchen, built playground equipment at a facility for the children of migrant farm workers, and socialized with folks at a senior center.

The Inter-Parish group (LIPY) undertakes a Mission Trip each April to help others less fortunate. In past years the group has

conducted servant events in Washington, DC and rural Maine. During the year the group also engages in a number of other servant events and provides fun and entertainment opportunities for the participants. This year included cooking for a veteran's center, hosting a dinner-dance for mentally challenged folks, and purchasing Christmas gifts for children in need. The group is composed of teens from seven Central Massachusetts Lutheran churches. The group was formed four years ago and continues to add participants each year.

Tom Houston, Youth Leader-Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Katherine Duffy, and Thomas Houston pose with youth from the Lutheran Inter-Faith Youth Group of Central Mass., while landscaping at the Lincoln Center outside Gettysburg, Pa. This facility cares for children of migrant agricultural workers.

Wales teen to be recognized at Annual Scholarship Awards

PLAINVILLE — Honey Dew Donuts will award more than \$200,000 in scholarship money to New England kids heading off to college this fall. More than 70 graduating seniors from the local Honey Dew Donuts franchise communities around New England have been selected to each receive \$250 to help offset the costs of books and other college-related expenses. The students will be recognized at the 6th Annual Honey Dew Donuts Scholarship Breakfast on Saturday, June 7, at the Sheraton Needham (MA) Hotel, 100 Cabot St., Exit 19A off of Route 128. Scholarship winners who attend the June 7 award ceremony will be entered to win one of three additional scholarship awards in the amount of \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500, to be announced at the June 7 event.

All scholarship winners and their parents will be treated to a special Honey Dew Donuts breakfast, and Honey Dew Donuts Founder Richard Bowen will personally award the scholarships to students.

The Honey Dew Donuts franchisees are

happy to be able to recognize and support the many talented and deserving students hailing from Honey Dew Donuts communities around New England," said Bowen. "This year we reach a record, providing scholarships to more than 70 college-bound seniors as they head off to college this fall."

To be eligible, Escobar had to demonstrate academic excellence by maintaining a grade point average of B- or better; be accepted into a four-year accredited college or university, and participate in community service activities.

Honey Dew Donuts has awarded more than \$100,000 to over 500 graduating high school seniors in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island since the inception of the company's scholarship program in 1999.

still lives today.

"Far East Of The Sun" is a remarkable love story inspired by the deep and enduring love of her parents, their passionate belief in the dignity of all people, and their remarkable courage that sustained them throughout their tumultuous lives," said Schiano.

"Far East Of The Sun" by Janina Stankiewicz Chung is now available through The Reed Edwards Company, the book publisher's web site, www.reedwards.com. Price: \$15.95. On June 22, both Janina Chung and Rita Schiano will be at the Oxhead Tavern beginning at 4 p.m. to sign copies of their respective books. The Oxhead Tavern book signing is a cash-only event.

— Submitted by
 Reed Edwards Company, publishers

Novel explores life under Communism during World War II

STURBRIDGE — Sturbridge-based publisher, The Reed Edwards Company, announces the release of the novel, "Far East Of The Sun," by Janina Stankiewicz Chung. Many area residents may remember Ms. Chung from her years as hostess at the Oxhead Tavern located at the Sturbridge Host Hotel complex 366 Main St. And on Sunday, June 22, Ms. Chung will be back at the Oxhead Tavern for a book signing. The event begins at 4 p.m.

It was during her years at the Oxhead Tavern that Ms. Chung explored writing a novel based on her family's experiences living under Communist oppression in Russia during World War II. While sharing her story with Bill Lemke, a regular patron at the Oxhead, Chung commented that she had never written a story before and that English was not her first language. A short time later,

Lemke introduced Chung to Sturbridge author/editor Rita Schiano whom he thought could help her through the process. Schiano, author of "Painting The Invisible Man" and "Sweet Bitter Love," began working with Ms. Chung in the capacity of editor. Four years later, Schiano founded the Reed Edwards Company and signed Chung to a publishing contract.

"Janina lived the first thirteen years of her life under Communist oppression in Russia, forced relocation to Nazi concentration camps, and post-war life in various displaced persons camps," said Schiano. "After living in 11 refugee camps over the course of several years, a family friend sponsored their immigration to the United States."

The family came to the United States in 1951 and settled in the Chicopee area, where Chung

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