J Valley classes participate in Spanish Immersion Day

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The Juniata Valley Spanish III and IV classes took a trip Oct. 27 to Juniata College to participate in the Spanish Immersion Day activities.

The Spanish Immersion Day is an event created by the Language in Motion program at Juniata College. Sean Lane, a 12th grade student who participated said, “Spanish Immersion Day was a very enriching event that expanded and refocused my views of the Spanish culture and language.”

Senor Felipe Rimmer, the Spanish teacher at JV, led the group of JV Spanish students to participate in this event. “It (Spanish Immersion Day) also gave us a chance to meet other students from different schools,” said Rimmer.

Three different schools participated in this event: Tussey Mountain High School, Huntingdon Area High School and Juniata Valley High School. All of the schools arrived at 9:15 a.m. and then used Spanish introductions to greet people. From 9:40-11 a.m., the schools participated in a rotation of Spanish games, songs, skits and story telling through different stations.

From 11-11:30 a.m., the students took a tour of the Juniata College campus. They then participated in a 30-minute long zumba dance. After the dance, everyone split apart into different groups and worked on making the Spanish lunch together.

After lunch was made, all of the students listened to a presentation by Terri Boillman of the enrollment office and Betsy Valesko of the Center for International Education.

When the presentation was over at 1 p.m., the students ate lunch, said their good-byes and left for the day. Senor Rimmer said, “I think the day went pretty well because we were supposed to speak Spanish all day long, which was quite a challenge for the students, and most of the students there had no problem speaking the language.”

He added, “It was also neat because Spanish is not used too much in rural central Pennsylvania, and to have a day like this at Juniata College where everyone spoke Spanish was unique. Most of the students could pick up and understand what was said during the day. It gave the students an idea of what they may want to pursue in life.

“It’s a great idea what Juniata College is doing with their Language in Motion program, and with time, Spanish Immersion Day will be a great event. Hopefully, soon it can be a full, day-long experience,” said Rimmer.

TM family hosts haunted house

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Since 2004, senior Shenille Black and her family have a very creative inspiration when it comes to the month of Halloween. When the right time hits, they begin the seven- to eight-week process of turning their home into a haunted mansion.

Every year, the Black’s take time out of their daily lives to provide entertainment to the Saxton area and also to show off their secret talents when it comes to designing. The ghostly creation really does put people in that special mood that only Halloween can bring. If you want to see this terrifying house, just stop by their Church Street location in Saxton, lay your eyes on this astonishing place and let your imagination run wild.