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Catherine A. Parvensky Barwell, a West Bradford local resident, author, illustrator and EMS authority, attends **West Bradford Day** to share her new children's storyboard, *The Tommi Lance Adventure Series*, with four new adventure books, book readings and signings, coloring contests and puzzle pages featuring "Tommi Lance," the smallest ambulance in Lanceville.

After Tommi Lance learns what it takes to be an ambulance, he and his friends take off on adventures such as those to the beach and campground. Each demonstrates the types of dangers to be wary of in different environments and how injuries should be treated to avoid pain, and even long-term or permanent disability. As an added educational resource each book contains a page of *Tommi's Tips*, summarizing the injuries demonstrated in the book with advice from Tommi himself. Ms. Barwell's readings and audiences are highly animated and charming.

The Tommi Lance series actually began many years ago from Barwell's experiences in S.E. PA when she was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and subsequently joined Good Fellowship Ambulance Company in West Chester, PA. She quickly became an EMT Instructor. She obtained her license as a Registered Nurse (R.N.) in 1986 and, after only a few years, turned back toward emergency medicine as an EMS Training Coordinator for Chester County. She was appointed to a long-term position as County Deputy Director of Training for the Department of Emergency Services where she oversaw all EMS and Fire Service Training as well as Public Education.

Barwell obtained her B.S. in EMS Administration from Hahnemann University and went on to earn an M.Ed. in Instructional Systems from Penn State University. She then utilized both her health care education and field training as an educator of numerous EMS and technology courses at Hahnemann and in future endeavors. She was also instrumental in developing online training courses in both the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas. Barwell currently trains EMTs, Paramedics, and both EMT and Paramedic Instructors in the Chester County area.

As an author, Barwell has contributed to and published more than twenty EMS textbooks and medical publications. It was these works and her on-the-job experience both as a medical professional and a mother of eight years which lead her to embark on her latest endeavor, working in children's fiction based on fun with an emphasis on safety.

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