

Lehman wrestlers cop District 2 title

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Friends reunited

Sister Marie Noel Keller, director of the Campus Ministry at College Misericordia, is thrilled with the return of her Miss Piggy Muppet. Here, Sister Noel stands in front of a mural as Miss Piggy points to the dormitory room where she was held captive last week.



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I got you now!

Margie Lavinio, the infamous "Pignapper" at College Misericordia, looks deviously at the captured Miss Piggy Muppet hanging from the ceiling in her (Lavinio's) dorm room. Lavinio, who had stolen the Muppet from Sister Noel at the college's Campus Ministry, cooperated thoroughly with The Dallas Post in returning the pig to its rightful owner.

In Kingston Township

Residents battle about housing

By JANE C. BOLGER
Staff Correspondent

A week after nearly 130 Shavertown residents attended a public meeting to protest housing development on North Lehigh Street, they are still meeting, still protesting and still organizing.

The land in question is a wooded five-acre plot presently owned by Summit Enterprises, a partnership between Marcia and Alan Landis, owners of the nearby Back Mountain Lumber & Coal Co. The land is bounded by private homes.

Aspect Associates, a subsidiary of Smith-Miller Associates, has an option of the land and is seeking to have it rezoned from R-1 to R-3 to build 38 apartments. The prospect of having "a low medium income project" in their "quiet neighborhood" is what has the residents

ready, willing and able to do battle.

The group members have hired Attorney Jerry Schultz to represent them as he did last week at the Kingston Township Planning Commission meeting where Schultz questioned the qualifications for spot zoning. The attorney's fees will be paid by local residents and anyone else interested in saving the neighborhood. William Eicke of 29 North Lehigh Street is in charge of the fund-raising and is supporting the protest to the point where he cut short his Florida vacation by a week in order to attend the meeting. Eicke was one of 25 residents who spoke at the meeting.

The voice of the people is also being heard from Suzy Luke of Division Street, who has held regular meetings in her home and Harry LaBar of Shaver Avenue who helped

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CLARA GROSE

Mrs. Clara Grose notes 98th birthday

Mrs. Clara Grose, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Dallas, will celebrate her 98th birthday, on Monday, March 12.

Mrs. Grose, who moved to the Back Mountain area 42 years ago, lived alone until just last year. After suffering a broken leg last February, she went to live with her daughter, Clare King.

Although doctors told her she would never walk again after breaking her leg, Mrs. Grose now walks with the aid of a walker.

Mrs. Grose is the mother of 10 children. They are Mrs. DeVoe Arbogast, Enola, Pa.; Marion Lee, Dallas; Virginia Beckwith, Jamestown, N.Y.; William Moss, Evans Falls; Helen Hoffman, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Ms. King; Robert, Forty Fort; Harry, Iselin, N.J.; Verna Harvey, Dallas; and Donald, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She also has 25 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grose already has two birthday greeting citations from President and Nancy Reagan which she received in honor of past birthdays.

A family dinner will be held to celebrate Mrs. Grose's 98th birthday.

Pignapped!

Miss Piggy Muppet disappears from college office

By WALLY KOCHER
Staff Correspondent

The place is the office of the Director of Campus Ministries at College Misericordia.

The day is Monday, Feb. 22. A crime is about to take place. But, it isn't a robbery and it isn't vandalism.

It's a PIGNAPPING! That's right, a pignapping.

A sleek, dark figure enters the room, makes sure no one is around, and quickly nabs the pig.

Now, this pig isn't your average porker. This pig is a Miss Piggy Muppet belonging to Sister Marie Noel Keller, Director of the Campus Ministry. The Muppet, which Sister Noel uses in her teachings, is also the mascot of the Campus Ministry.

The Dallas Post was informed of the horrendous crime shortly after it took place and this reporter was soon hot on the pignapper's trail.

According to Sister Noel, Miss Piggy, who has her own wardrobe of approximately 10 outfits which have been made by the nuns, knows the feelings of being held captive.

"It happened before about four years ago," said Sister Noel, brushing away a teardrop that had managed to roll down her right cheek. "I received a ransom note a few days later demanding a yellow lollipop.

If I didn't do what the pignappers said, they threatened to have the pig kicked off at Super Bowl VII."

Sister Noel paid the ransom and the pig was returned, noticeably shaken up and under obvious psychological duress, but none-the-less, in one piece.

"I'd be heartbroken if I ever lost her," said Sister Noel. "I've had her for the past seven years and she's been at Misericordia for four years."

Since the time of the pignapping, Sister Noel did several things to have the porker returned such as hanging a sign in her window, asking, "Where's the pork?" In light of the now-famous Wendy's commercial that asks, "Where's the beef?" the sign incited several shouts of laughter among Misericordia students.

Sister Noel confessed that she thought the person who pignapped Miss Piggy last time was also responsible for this pignapping. She believed that Margie Lavinio, a student at Misericordia and a friend of hers, was the pig perpetrator.

I set out to locate the suspect.

I learned that Lavinio is a senior at Misericordia, majoring in English and History. Those facts didn't sound like the qualifications of a typical pignapper, but it was my only lead. Well, you can imagine how shocked I was when I contacted Ms. Lavinio and she admitted the crime. I had

found my girl.

When asked if the pig was alright, the culprit replied, "Oh, yes. Right now, she's hanging from my dorm ceiling by a bandana."

It was obvious to me that Lavinio has a violent attitude toward pigs - something that may have been brought on by a tragic childhood drama.

I let this thief know that The Dallas Post was on her trail and she immediately agreed to return the pig to its rightful owner.

When interrogated as to her motive, Lavinio said, "It was all for the fun of it. You know - extracurricular activities."

So, 10 days after the original pignapping, Lavinio took the pig down from the ceiling and returned it to Sister Noel.

The women both laughed about the incident and I had the satisfaction of knowing that The Dallas Post had once again helped someone in need.

Lavinio, however, is threatening that Miss Piggy will "take a walk" again before she (Lavinio) graduates - perhaps sometime in April. The ultimate goal of the pignapper is to hang the pig from either the flagpole or the cafeteria ceiling.

Don't fret, Miss Piggy. As long as The Dallas Post is here, we'll keep our eyes on you!

Disaster shelters outlined at meeting

A. Sheldon Glahn, Chairman, Disaster Services, announces that a "Reach Out Into the Community" disaster meeting was held recently at the Dallas Area Jr. High School. The Area Disaster Representative for the Dallas Area, which is Area 5, is John Wega.

Purpose of the meeting was to explain and clarify the roles of Red Cross, Luzerne County EMA (Emergency Management Agency) and the local responsibilities of community officials and residents. Also discussed was the need for a Disaster Preparedness Plan, and the constant updating of same, not only at the Red Cross and Luzerne County EMA level but also at the local level.

The role of Disaster Nursing Services and the need for Immediate Disaster Damage Assessment, as well as, how Red Cross Emergency Needs are met and provided to disaster victim was also discussed.

Red Cross designated disaster shelters in Area 5 are as follows:

LAKE TWP. AND HARVEYS LAKE BORO - Local Disaster Chairman, Richard Williams Jr.; Harveys Lake Firehouse, Harveys Lake; Alderson United Methodist Church, Alderson; Ruggles United Methodist Church, Ruggles.

FRANKLIN TWP. - Local Disaster Chairman, Richard Love; Franklin Twp. Firehouse, Orange; Orange United Methodist Church, Orange; Prince of Peace Church, Main St., Dallas.

DALLAS TWP. - Local Disaster Chairperson, Mrs. Mariellen Fine; Dallas Area Sr. High School, Dallas; Dallas Area Jr. High School, Dallas; Dallas Area Intermediate School, Dallas; Dallas Twp. Elementary School, Dallas; Trinity United Methodist Church, Church St. and Country Club Road,

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It's Girl Scout cookie time!

Members of Girl Scout Troop 636 of the Dallas Intermediate School are shown here as they pick up their cookies for distribution. The cookies arrived Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sandy Sheehan, Huntsville Road, troop cookie captain. The girls then picked up the cookies and delivered them to their customers. From left, kneeling, Abby Russin, a Brownie who helped the Girl Scouts; and Megan Sheehan. Standing, from left, Emily Russin, Tami Froncek and Danielle Baker.

Lehman Indoor Color Guard wins honors

The Lake-Lehman High School Indoor Color Guard won top honors at the "Western World's Round-Up No. 4" competition hosted by Shikellamy High School in Sunbury where they competed against eight other indoor guards.

Those competing finished in the following order - second place, Central Columbia; third, Central Dauphin; fourth, Cedar Cliff; fifth, Belfonte; sixth, Hughesville; seventh, Cocalico; eighth, Warrior Run; and ninth, Berwick.

The Lake-Lehman Batons placed second in the same competition with Belfonte in first place and Steel City, third; South Williamsport, fourth; and Hughesville, fifth. The Lake-Lehman Swing Flags appeared in exhibition.

Believe it!

An employee at a Dallas service station that prides itself in its snowplowing service was seen "shoveling" the station lot last Wednesday.

A city building supply store advertised gas line anti-freeze and turf builder in the same radio commercial one day last week.

A young Dallas woman counted her blessings after running a red light and being pulled over by a local policeman one day last week. She drove away without a ticket only because the officer didn't have any "forms" in his car.

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