



Card party planned

Shown here planning Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary's card party are, from left, Mrs. Michael C. Dobbs, Shavertown; basket of cheer; Mrs. Michael Hudacek, Plymouth, porcelain doll; Mrs. Dennis J. Llewellyn, Kingston, tickets; Mrs. John Biernacki, Mountaintop, co-chairman; Mrs. William Obeid, Mountaintop, co-chairman; Mrs. Sid Alinkoff, Edwardsville, books; Mrs. Warren Johnson, Kingston, treasurer; Mrs. Irving Pezzner, Wilkes-Barre, table prizes.

Hospital Auxiliary sets card party

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Auxiliary is finalizing plans for its annual card party to be held Monday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

A yearly feature of the card party is a raffle, during which a trip to Bermuda, a porcelain doll plus \$100 cash, a basket of cheer and a full-

sized, handmade quilt are awarded. Baked goods, plants and books are also sold.

The card party is one of the Auxiliary's annual fund raising events. All proceeds are donated to General Hospital to help defray the cost of various hospital expansion projects and to help in purchasing new hospital equipment. Men are

now active in the Auxiliary. Leona Obeid and Alice Biernacki are co-chairmen of the card party.

Raffle and admission tickets are available from any Auxiliary member and also at the door on April 30.

Those attending are asked to bring their own cards. Mrs. Stanley B. Ushinski is Auxiliary president.

Plan

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Although the Commonwealth has regulatory authority to control the growth of hospital capacity through the Certificate of Need (CON) program, expansion and replacement plans continue to be approved in areas of current excess capacity. Tough recommended strengthening of the CON program, and elimination of the loophole that permits hospitals to add up to 10 new beds every other year without obtaining certification.

According to Tough, a short-term moratorium is needed on granting Certificates of Need which increase hospital inpatient beds. During the moratorium, a study would be done to identify existing excess inpatient capacity, and the study results would be used in future CON decisions by the Commonwealth.

Tough also said that Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania has been a pioneer in designing and implementing hospital payment systems that offer incentives for cost containment, which is the third area the program covers.

"We must expand the use of incentive payment systems for hospitals and other providers," he said. "Systems that encourage cost containment through flexible negotiated payment arrangements, not a rigid state-run rate-setting system.

"Systems which encourage hospitals to control both use and cost, through economic incentives are very promising," he added. "Pennsylvania's Blue Cross plans are committed to expand the use of such systems, and to the development and implementation of new and more effective incentive payment approaches."

The fourth point Tough brought out was that of encouraging price competition in the health care system.

"Changes in Medicare payment policies, and in Medicaid payment methods in Pennsylvania, are being accompanied by other changes that are making hospitals price-sensitive to a greater degree than ever before," he said. Growth in health

maintenance organizations and the development of other competitive medical plans such as Preferred Provider arrangements are bringing new competitive forces to bear on the health care system. Experts agree that these developments will bring dramatic changes, if they are allowed to reach maturity.

"All of us are concerned with the increases in health care costs," Tough added. "We have taken an active leadership role in efforts to contain those costs."

Blue Cross, however, can't do it alone. Tough explained.

"This program requires a co-ordinate effort on the part of all those involved: doctors, hospitals, hospital trustees, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, business, labor, government and individuals," he said. "We are prepared to take an active leadership role, to implement those programs we can do alone, and to work with others where necessary. Our goal is the continued availability of quality care at a price we can all afford."

Clean

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Estates, Mt. Zion road, Circle Drive, Meadowcrest Drive.

Property owners should not wait until the day their street is scheduled for pick up. Please place the items on the curb by 7 a.m. the day

before the scheduled day because the crew may be ahead of schedule. Weather conditions may affect the schedule.

Crews will not pick up the following: washers, dryers, refrigerators, television sets, hot water heaters, furnaces, stoves or large appliances. No tree stumps, mattresses, bed springs, tires, roofing materials, or household garbage. Crews will take small appliances, i.e. toasters, can openers, irons, radios, etc.,

any yard clean up and brush neatly tied (no trees, please).

This is for Kingston Township residents only; anyone caught from surround communities placing debris along the roadways will be prosecuted. Please clip this notice for your reference at a later date.

Show

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the atmosphere of Southwest America.

The Decorators' Show House will be open to the public Sunday, April 29 through Sunday, May 20. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 to 4; Thursday, 10 to 4 and 7 to 9; Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Lunch will be available daily, except Sunday, from 11 to 2.

Advance tickets can be purchased by mail, telephone, or from any Junior League member. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Special group rates are available. Orders may be sent to the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre, 1261 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, Pa. 18704.

Cherry Blossom events listed

Following is the schedule for the 1984 Cherry Blossom Festival:

Friday, April 27 — Casino Night, Wilkes College Student Center (student I.D. required), 9 p.m.-midnight.

Saturday, April 28 — Softball (Wilkes College) River Common, 10-1 p.m.; Cherry Blossom Carnival, River Common, 1-6 p.m.; Air Force Jazz Band, Wilkes College Gym, 2 p.m.; Cherry Blossom Party, Wilkes College Gym, 10-1 a.m.; "Look Back to the Hill", St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29 — 10th Annual Cherry Blossom Run, Kirby Park, 2 p.m.; King's College River Regatta, West Pittston, 11 a.m.; King's Spring Concert, King's Gym, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 30 — Wilkes-Barre Jaycees Carnival, Stegmaier Lot, Monday-Friday 6-10:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon-midnight.

Thursday, May 3 — LCCC Art Exhibit, Provincial Towers, 5-9 p.m.; "1984", King's College, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 4 — Annual Tree Planting, Sheraton Crossgates, 11:45 a.m.; Annual Luncheon, Sheraton Crossgates, 12 noon; "1984" King's College, 8 p.m.; LCCC Art Exhibit, Provincial Towers, 7:30-6:30 p.m.; Great Rock Scare, Stegmaier Lot, 7-9 p.m.; Penn's Woods Girl Scouts Flea Market, Ice-A-Rama, 7:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 5 — LCCC Art Exhibit, Provincial Towers, 7:30-6 p.m.; LCCC Art Exhibit Opening Reception, Provincial Towers, 2-4 p.m.; Penn's Woods Girl Scouts Flea Market, Ice-A-Rama, 10-7 p.m.; Penn's Woods Girl Scouts Flea Market, Opening reception, Ice-A-Rama, 2-4 p.m.; "1984", King's College, 9 p.m.; Penn's Woods Scouts Auction, Ice-A-Rama, 2-4 p.m.; Cherry Blossom Craft Project, Osterhout Library Lawn, 11-12 p.m.

Saturday, May 5 — Pat Ward, Clown, on the square, 11-5 p.m.; Queen Contest, on the square, 11-12 noon; Sounds of Silence, on the square, 12-12:30 p.m.; Music Box Theater, on the square, 12:30-1 p.m.; LCCC Choral Ensemble, on the square, 1-2 p.m.; Luft Marionettes, on the square, 2-3 p.m.; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society 1890's Auction, on the square, 3-4 p.m.; Barbershop Harmony on the Square, on the square, (features barbershoppers from Pa, Va, and Md.) 4-5 p.m.

Monday, May 7 — LCCC Art Exhibit, Provincial Towers, 7:30-6 p.m.

EDC plans seminar

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Small Business Development Administration have joined together in inviting state and local experts on small business to speak on achieving successful start-up ventures and expansion and continuation of their respective commercial or industrial enterprises.

Small business expert panelists will be at the Hilton at Lackawanna Station, Scranton on April 27 and will include Thomas Joseph, President of Markdata, Inc., Pittston; John Yaisle, President, Yaisle Body Company, Pottsville; and Loren Shultz, Executive Director of the Montgomeryville Technology Center. These successful business people will be discussing strategic planning, financing, managing and motivating people.

Other important speakers participating will include John Sokolowski, Director of the Wilkes-Barre Branch Office, Small Business Administration and Lee Ciarmatori, Vice President of Wyoming National Bank. Both will be discussing current financial packaging strategies.

Local business persons and governmental officials interested in participating in this full day seminar may make a reservation by contacting Robert Murphy of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, Pa. 18640-3795 or by calling (717) 655-5581. A fee of \$25.00 is being charged for the all day event and will include handout materials, a lunch and participation at a wine and cheese reception to be held. The conference is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with registration 8 to 9 a.m.



NANCI KRAKOSKY

'Pajama Game' opens Friday

Nanci Krakosky of Swoyersville, plays the romantic lead of 'Babe' in the "Pajama Game", scheduled to open on April 27 at the Music Box Playhouse in Swoyersville.

When the laugh-filled musical sage of labor vs. management begins, all members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will be entitled to a \$1.00 discount on any performance during the four-week run.

"The Pajama Game" abounds with comic and romantic situations at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory in the 1950's. Union members will especially appreciate the hijinks and will probably see many comparisons with their own workplaces.

Discounted or regular tickets may be secured by calling the Box Office at 283-2195.



RICHARD ENGLISH, M.D.

Nesbitt offers lectures

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital will sponsor a monthly series of lectures on "Living Today With Diabetes," beginning on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m.

The program will continue on the third Thursday of each month through October in the auditorium of the Medical Arts Building.

Speaking at the first session on April 26 will be Richard English, M.D., who will explain diabetes, its symptoms and risk factors contributing to the disease. He will also outline treatment measures and complications of this disease that affects 20 percent of the American population.

Dr. English, a family practitioner in Edwardsville, is a graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine, Philadelphia.

Future diabetes lectures will focus on the causes of low blood sugar, appetizing menus for diabet-

ics, the relationship between diabetes and obesity, as well as insulin administration and care of equipment. Instructing these classes will be Mrs. Mary Stoneham, R.N. and Miss Mary Jones, R.D.

"Living Today With Diabetes" is being offered free of charge under the joint cooperation of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Education and Dietary departments. For more information about the series, call Mary Stoneham, R.N. of the Education Department at 288-1411, ext. 4036.

Dogs will be checked

The entire force of state dog wardens assigned to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Regional Office in Tunkhannock are presently working in the Back Mountain area. Their quarry consists of the owners of unlicensed and free running dogs.

According to Dog Law Supervisor, Gene Dziak, dog owners who have failed to get a 1984 license or who let their dogs run unattended are leaving themselves open to fines up to \$300 plus court costs. Strays will be caught and impounded.

Licenses are currently being sold at the County Treasurer's Office or at the Dallas Township Municipal Building.



JOAN FELA

Fela honored

Joan Fela, a College Misericordia junior majoring in Occupational Therapy, was recently awarded the Mary R. Minglin scholarship from the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (A.O.T.F.). Ms. Fela is one of seven students to receive the scholarship nationwide.

The A.O.T.F. awards scholarships to students who demonstrate exceptional potential for success in the field of Occupational Therapy (OT). Ms. Fela will be among the first class of students to graduate from Misericordia's O.T. program.

Ms. Fela resides in Dallas with her two daughters.

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