

# People



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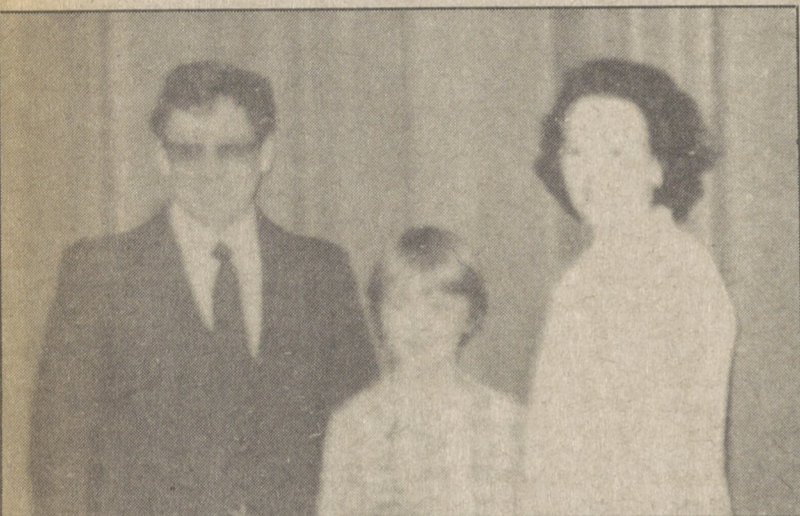
### Donation made

Dallas High School ecology instructor Wayne Hughes recently presented J.F. Fagan, Northeastern Division, Pennsylvania Game Commission supervisor, with a check for \$600. The money is the amount raised by ecology students from the sale of the bluebird houses constructed by them as a class project. Students sold the birdhouses to individuals and at a booth in the Winter Sports Show at the Kingston Armory. Shown above, from left, are Gary Mathers, industrial arts instructor, who assisted with the project; Hughes and Fagan.



### Program presented

The sixth grade students from Gate of Heaven presented a program of songs, dance and poetry recently at The Meadows Nursing Center. After the program, the students presented the residents with baskets of fruit and sundry items and visited with the residents. Shown above are, from left, Colleen McGovern, Jonelle Fabian, Kevin Sutt, Tammy Gale, Robert Dempsey, Denise Thompson, Jack Jones, Patrick Farrell and Melissa Malonis.



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### Receives trophy

Ryan Gesink was recently awarded a second place trophy for his adventure commando program written for the Junior Program Level Pennsylvania Learning Resources Association program writing contest. Ryan, a sixth grader in the Lake-Lehman School District, recently received his trophy at an awards assembly at the school. Shown above, from left, are Dave Harris, Lake-Lehman Elementary computer instructor; Ryan Gesink and Mrs. Gesink, Ryan's mother.

### Local AARP group meets

The Luzerne County Chapter AARP met recently in the Community Room of Pomeroy's at the Wyoming Valley Mall, with Jerry Fritzen, president, presiding.

Nancy Valunas, community relations representative, McDonald's Golden Arches Club presented "Golden Arches Club" cards to the members and explained McDonald's senior citizen discount program.

Beatrice Martin, RN, patient education; Ellen Fuller, dietician, nutritionist; and Jerry Maloney, pharmacist, all from the NPW Medical Center, presented a movie dealing with hypertension and related diseases.

The local AARP Chapter will offer a \$55 Alive-Mature Driving Course on Sept. 19 and 20 at Pomeroy's Auditorium, Wyoming Valley Mall.

This course, designed specifically to help older drivers improve their driving skills, encompasses a program using color slides and tapes in the various segments of its presentation and is the first of its kind to be offered in Luzerne County.

Class size is limited and fee for the course is \$7.00 per person. Those interested should make check or money order payable to AARP and send to Jerry Fritzen, 115 S. Thomas Ave., Edwardsville, Pa. 18704.

The newly-organized Luzerne County chapter meets every third Monday of the month, with the exception of July and August, at Pomeroy's Auditorium, Wyoming Valley Mall. Luzerne County residents holding National AARP membership are urged to attend. All interested persons 50 or older are invited to join.



### Students honored

Shown here are students from West Side Tech, who recently received awards. Richard Redmond, Teresa Kraynak, Shirley Brennan, Deborah Hartman, Stephen Matello, Enrico Cacciapuoti, Andrew Walko, Harold Laity, Toni Walko, Suzanne Simko, Thelma Brighthaupt, Edward Coolbaugh, Shawn Joyce, Alan Lee, Scott Mullen, Richard Reese, John Simon, Patrick Krasavage, Anthony Strish, Dwane Johnson and Wilbur Dennis.

## Elderly should have PACE cards

About 250,000 older Pennsylvanians - possibly more if their applications are submitted within a week - were expected to have identification cards for the new state Pharmaceutical Contract for the Elderly (PACE) program when it began July 1, state Secretary of Aging Gorham L. Black, Jr. said recently.

Black emphasized, "There is no deadline for submitting PACE applications - it should be an ongoing process for eligible seniors when they reach age 65 - but if an eligible person is now 65, he or she can still get an ID card in time for the program's start."

Black noted that the program is not retroactive and seniors can obtain PACE discounts on prescribed medicines only after they obtain an ID card. Applications for ID cards can be secured at pharmacies, senior citizen centers, legislator's offices and are agencies on aging.

Under the PACE program, Pennsylvania residents age 65 and older

who have annual incomes of under \$9,000 if single (\$12,000 if married) will be able to buy prescribed medicines at participating pharmacies for only \$4 per prescription.

Black said that seniors should find it convenient to purchase their prescription medicines because to donate more than 2,600 pharmacies have registered to participate in the

program. "The PACE program is unprecedented - it's brand new, complicated and unique in size and scope. I believe we have worked out most of the kinks, and that the area agencies on aging and the contractor that is operating the program have done an admirable job in signing up so many seniors," Black said.

## Host families sought

American Foreign Studies Programs (AFSP), a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving better world understanding, is busily recruiting families to host French students for four weeks this summer. There are so many enthusiastic French teens whose dream it is to share the life of an American family.

Approximately 10 families in the Wyoming Valley Area are already involved in preparing for their students' arrival. Ten to 15 more fami-

lies are needed.

The only requirement of the host family is to provide the student with meals, a bed, friendship and love. In return, the family has a chance to learn more about a foreign language and the French culture first hand. Also, the teens of the family who host this summer, will be eligible to go to France next year under a reciprocal program.

Any family interested in hosting a student from Aug. 3 to 30th should contact Susan Corby at 283-2017.

## People in the news

KAREN J. DOMBEK, daughter of David Dombek of Wyoming Avenue, Dallas, and Paula L. Priebe Dombek, received her bachelor of science degree with a major in biology from Bucknell University at the 134th annual commencement exercises May 27.

A Dean's List student and a member of Beta Gamma sorority, Dombek is a 1980 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

and Terrell Smith, all of Dallas. Names to the Dean's List for the same period were Kevin Brown, Mary Jo Geist, Megan Hedden, Amy John, Marc Polk, Sarah Rothschild, and Jennifer Williams, all of Dallas; and Melissa Kennedy, Harveys Lake.

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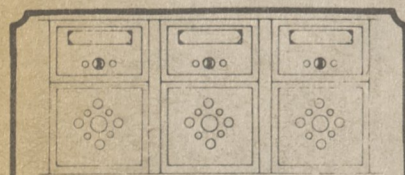
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