

# Energy Week noted

"Partners for an Energy Efficient Tomorrow" is the theme for this year's American Energy Awareness Week being celebrated this week, Oct. 21-28.

Today, seven percent of what farmers spend to produce crops goes for energy in this country. As energy prices have risen, farmers have adopted energy conserving practices reported Rich Maculaitis of the USDA Soil Conservation Service. They reduced gasoline and diesel fuel use by 25 percent between 1977 and 1982, while increasing farm output by 17 percent. This was an improvement of 56 percent in energy efficiency on farms during that five-year period.

Much of that energy saving in diesel fuel came about by the switch of farmers from conventional plowing to no-till farming. No-till farmers use only one gallon of diesel fuel per acre to plant their crops. This compares to five to seven gallons of fuel per acre for farmers laboring with conventional tillage.

There are somewhat similar savings from other conservation tillage methods such as chisel plowing.

"Conservation tillage also saves time, soil and moisture," said Mr. Maculaitis. With good management,

yields are equal to and sometimes better than those with conventional tillage, he added. No-till double cropping offers extra profit opportunity where the growing season permits.

No-till and other conservation tillage methods provide another energy advantage - planning and harvesting with less horsepower. This means a smaller investment in tractors and tillage equipment. Savings in time may also allow the farming of more acres without additional labor or equipment.

Rich continued, "Most important of all, conservation tillage saves topsoil. There are 2 million tons of soil eroded each year in the United States. Conservation tillage reduces soil losses as much as 90 percent. On less erosive soil, reduced tillage may be the only conservation treatment needed. Steeper and longer slopes may require contour strip-cropping, terracing, and additional practices to complete the conservation system."

Contact the Soil Conservation Service at the Ag-Service Center, 71 North Market Street, Nanticoke for help with your conservation tillage and with your energy saving efforts.



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## Dallas Homecoming Court

Members of the 1984 Dallas High School Homecoming Court are shown here with their escorts prior to the start of Saturday's Homecoming football game against Meyers. Amy Aston was crowned 1984 Homecoming Queen by last year's queen, Cristi Strausser, during halftime ceremonies, but the Mountaineers football team was defeated, 27-7, in their quest for a Homecoming victory. Members of the court are, from left, Judy Fitch, and her escort A.J. Bittner, Debbie Kozick and her escort Derek Tamburro, Kerrie Bonawitz and her escort Jeff Zaykowski, Amy Aston and her escort Mark Farrell, Mary Farrell, first runner-up, and her escort Jeff Hall, Sharon Dougherty and her escort Matt Medura, Missy Davies and her escort Drew Jubis.

## Penn State's Murphy will be roasted

John Murphy, Director of Student Programs and Services at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, will be the subject of a "Roast-Toast" at an Alumni Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the campus in Lehman. The dinner and program on Murphy will be held at 6 p.m. following a day of activities that will begin at 9 a.m. with a road rally.

Other events and activities for the Alumni Reunion include craft demonstrations and an exhibit by JoAnn Ennis, Mary Hayes, and Celeste Dymond of the Porches craft shop in Shavertown; a soccer game pitting the varsity Penn State Wilkes-Barre team against alumni headed by Jay Harvey, and tours of the campus led by students in the Hayfield Ambassadors Club.

A highlight of the day for alumni will be mini-courses taught by faculty who were selected by the alumni as people they remember as important in their lives. The faculty members giving two series of 25-minute courses between 11 and 12 in the morning are Priscilla Allison, Gerry Gregory, Jack Kolesar, Walt Sowa, Ed Dreisbach and Fred Stefan.

Lunch will be served in the new student commons or people may bring their own picnic lunches and eat on tables set outside on the campus.

Alumni of Penn State and friends are invited. Registration information is available from the Office of University Relations, 675-2171. The deadline for making dinner reservations is October 23, but people may drop in for events other than dinner without advance notice.

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## Lending a hand

Matt Medura, left, and Jeff Spudis, right, students at Dallas Senior High School, lend a hand to Jeremy Sobock as he exits a bus last week during drills conducted at the Dallas Township Elementary School. Waiting their turn behind Jeremy are Cameron Lewis and Jenny Zarnoch. The drills were conducted in conjunction with National Bus Safety Week. Absent at the time of the photo was A.J. Bittner, another volunteer who assisted the children during the drills.

## Lehman's AV Gang visits WBRE-TV

The AV (Audio-Visual) Gang at Lake-Lehman High School recently toured the studios of WBRE-TV Channel 28, guests of Jim Miller, WBRE's sports director.

The students, who are responsible for the video-taping of events at

Lake-Lehman High School, were shown how television shows are organized, how sports programs are set up and the procedures of filming an event.

Members of the AV Gang are Bill Bearde, Paul Andes, Mike Annetta,

Skip Thomas, Susie Slocum, Don Buzinkai, Todd Krupa, Walter Konopki.

Rodger Bearde, AV coordinator, accompanied the students on the trip to WBRE-TV.

## Misericordia urges visitors

College Misericordia "loves company" and has invited high school seniors throughout the mid Atlantic States to spend this weekend at the Dallas campus.

"The students will get a feel for the various aspects of life at our educational college," said Dave Payne, dean of admissions.

The weekend events include tours of the 100 acre campus, get

acquainted activities, a video presentation of campus life, social activities and a folk mass. On Saturday afternoon, students and their parents are invited to attend sessions providing information on academics, financial aid, and other student services available at Misericordia.

Students interested in information on visiting the campus can call Misericordia's Admissions Office at 675-2181, ext. 264.



## 'Mac' honored

College Misericordia's "McGinty" was one of 10 college mascots on hand to watch Governor Dick Thornburgh sign a proclamation declaring Oct. 13-20 as Higher Education Week in Pennsylvania. Governor Thornburgh, left, dubbed the college's Highland Terrier, "Misericordia Mac." Mac is held by the official keeper of the mascot, Sr. Kathleen Carroll, RSM.

## Mercy Auxiliary changes name

Dallas Back Mountain Branch of Mercy Hospital Auxiliary held a meeting recently at Mercy Center, College Misericordia.

Purpose of the meeting was to change the name of the auxiliary to

Mercy Center Convent Auxiliary.

Plans were also made for our coming Christmas Boutique, which will be held on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12.

Mrs. Terry Connery is president.

## Child photo contest scheduled

"Pathways" Most Photogenic Child Contest will be held Sunday, Nov. 11 at Pomeroy's Community Room, Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre, starting at 2 p.m.

Judy Pellerini, chairman said, "The contest is open to all area children up to 7 years of age.

Categories are: 1 month-18 months; 18 months-3 years; 3 years-5 years; 5 years-7 years.

Registration fee is \$10.00 with

photo to "Pathways", 73 West Ross St., Wilkes-Barre. Photo cannot be larger than 5x7. For further information call 829-2023.

## Local 4-H's observe week

4-H members in Luzerne County joined the nearly five million young people nationwide in observing National 4-H Week, Oct. 7-13, according to Christine Tomascik, Extension Agent EFNEP-4-H.

Using the theme, "4-H Building on Experience," members are challenged to use their own, as well as others' experiences and expertise in acquiring practical skills. They also are learning good health habits, developing respect for themselves and others, exploring career and leisure time opportunities, sharing responsibilities for preserving the environment, and developing leadership and citizenship skills.

Tomascik said that during the special week members of America's largest out-of-school youth education organization celebrated with activities aimed at promoting individual growth and accomplishment, creativity, social responsibility, and family involvement.

In Luzerne County, there are 378 volunteer leaders, working with 5,505 4-H members. These volunteers are among the more than 620,000 leaders nationwide, who each contributed about 200 hours of service last year.

4-H, conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service at The Pennsylvania State University is available to boys and girls, 9 to 19, wherever they live. Programs are conducted in the 3,150 counties of the United States, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, and Guam. Since its inception, about 45 million Americans from all walks of life have been involved in 4-H. In addition, some 82 countries around the world have youth programs similar to 4-H.

4-H thrives because of a unique partnership with the public and private sectors who contribute at the local, state, and national level. Not only does this partnership include financial support, but many businessmen and women volunteer their time and talents to young people, as well, Tomascik said. She added that support at the state level is received through the Friends of 4-H foundation.

At the national level, support is channeled through National 4-H Council, a not-for-profit educational organization that uses private resources to strengthen and expand the 4-H program.

For more information on how you might be involved in 4-H, as a member or volunteer leader, contact Chris Tomascik, Courthouse Annex, 5 Water St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 or call 825-1712 or 459-0736, ext. 712.

## BIRTHS

The following area residents have announced births recently:

A son to MONICA AND JAMES CHUPKA, 211 Beech St., Shavertown, on Oct. 17 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

A son to MARY JANE AND ROBERT MAXIMOWICZ, RD 1, Box 539, Harveys Lake, on October 15 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

A daughter to BARBARA AND ROBERT SWARTZ, 290 Huntsville Road, Dallas, on October 16 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

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