

Couple finds whale-watching to be both quiet and relaxing

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"It was a fascinating sight — hundreds and hundreds of whales came in to the Stellwagen Shelves at Gloucester, Massachusetts," said Judy Silvers. "There were about 10 varieties, the majority of them humpbacks (singing whales), fins (fastest) and blue fish. Most of those we saw were fins."

Judy said the group of 24 residents of the Back Mountain, who made the trip to Gloucester, chartered a large boat this year and the whales did not come as close as they did to the small boats in prior years when Judy and her husband Sid went to the Whale Watch.

Twelve of the 24 persons in the group left Saturday, June 29, in a large van. The others went by car or flew and the entire group met at a previously arranged site on Cape Ann where they camped out in tents.

"The weather was beautiful and we left at 8:30 a.m. in the morning to go out in the boat. It was a beautiful sight to see all those whales coming into the Shelves to feed. They pushed pools of fish ahead of them, then scooped them up and strained them through what looked like teeth. One of the whales scooped up a sea gull accidentally and instead of swallowing it, the whale just tossed it back out on the water. The whales would breach (leap up in the air) in the water. That's how they would play," said Judy.

Tens of thousands of people from all over the country travel to Gloucester from March to October to watch the whales, who migrate from the warmer waters of the Caribbean to feed off the shelves at Gloucester. After they feed, the whales travel back to

the Caribbean, many of them pregnant. They carry their young for about a year before giving birth, according to Judy.

Each whale is marked differently on its tail. One woman, who had paid to adopt a whale last season, saw that same whale again this year. Marine biologists are on the boats and explain the parts of the whale, characteristics and how each whale feeds.

Along the East Coast, the humpbacks and fins are predominant while along the West Coast the gray whales are more popular. These travel from the West Coast to Alaska.

Gloucester is a non-commercial area and when the local group went, it was Festival time - St. Peter's Festival "Fisherman of the Sea." Primarily a population of Portugese and Italian, most of the residents are fishermen. During festival time, they do not take out their boats and the Archbishop comes to the area and blesses all of the boats and the fishermen.

Among the festivities while the local group were there were dory races, greased log competition, other water skills competition and fishing. In addition, all kinds of foods wer sold at the various stands.

Camping on Cape Ann, the local group was right on the beach and enjoyed swimming and fishing. One member of the group chartered a fishing boat and, while out, caught a 58-lb. fish.

One evening, they had a fish fry with flounder, sea bass and hardshells.

"It's a seven hour trip," said Judy, "but it's worth every minute. This is the third year that Sid and I have gone. We plan to make it an annual event. This time we were there from Saturday through Monday, next year I would like to stay longer. For a quiet, relaxing vacation, it's wonderful."



Campaign begins

Shown here are those people involved with the recently-started capital gifts campaign at the Meadows Complex in Dallas. From left, first row, Albert F. Martin, Mrs. Catherine Maxwell Bolinski, Mrs. George M. Krauss, Dr. Dorothy Flynn, Dr. Alan L. Boonin, Dr. Ellis W. Roberts, Philip R. Tuhy. Second row, Ray Condo, Thomas H. Kiley, Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews, Atty. Sol Lubin, Harold J. Rose, Jr., Ian Richardson, William H. Bergstrasser, Atty. George L. Fenner, Thomas V. Tinsley, Sr., Richard Rusnok.

Fund-raising campaign begins

"For God...For Man," a capital gifts campaign to raise funds for development of a chapel at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas, was discussed at a joint meeting of the Board of Directors of Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) and the community representatives of the Chapel Development Committee on June 26 at the center.

The meeting was chaired by Attorney Sol Lubin, president of EEI's board, and included presentations by Dr. Ellis W. Roberts and Ray Condo, EEI vice-president and executive director, respectively. EEI is the private, non-profit corporation which owns and operates the Meadows Nursing Center.

Through its first-ever fund-raising effort, EEI hopes to realize a goal of \$100,000 to install a combination chapel-meditation area on the first floor of the nursing center. According to Condo, the chapel will provide a much-needed space for regular worship services while simulta-

neously creating an oasis of peaceful solitude for the privacy of the center's residents and their families.

Community representatives who have agreed to serve on the Chapel Development Committee include: Dr. Alan L. Boonin, Dr. Dorothy Flynn, Richard C. Hogboom, Thomas H. Kiley, Dr. C.W. Koehl, Jr., Ian Richardson, Harold J. Rose, Dr. and Mrs. Sanford B. Sternleib. EEI board members who also will serve on the committee are the Rev. Dr. Jule Ayers, Mrs. June Blum,

Rev. Wayne A. Heintzelman, Mrs. George M. Krauss, Atty. Sol Lubin, Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews, and Dr. Ellis W. Roberts.

EEI was formed in 1968 through the joint sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Jewish Federation and the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Wyoming Valley. It also operates four housing projects in Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming, Dallas and West Pittston.

POLICE BLOTTER

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

A Tunkhannock resident complained of head pains following a rear-end collision on Route 309, Dallas Township, Sunday afternoon, police reports indicate.

Injured was Cheryl Ann Sick of RD 5, Tunkhannock. Police say she

drove herself to a local hospital following the accident.

According to the Dallas Township police report, Sick's vehicle had stopped in the southbound lane near the entrance of Coscia's restaurant waiting to make a left-hand turn into their lot when a vehicle operated by

Earl C. Bryant of 3303 55th Avenue, North Street, Pete, Florida crashed into the rear of Sick's vehicle.

Bryant was not injured and said that he did not see the Sick vehicle come to a stop until the collision occurred.

DALLAS BOROUGH

Dallas Borough Police Chief Ed Lyons said Tuesday there will be "No Parking" and "Parking" signs posted along borough streets for the upcoming Back Mountain Library Auction scheduled for July 11 thru 14.

Lyons said that, "There is absolutely no parking along Franklin, Rice, Ridge Streets and Huntsville Road," during the auction.

Parking along Lehman, Pinecrest, Machell avenue and other borough streets will be subject to the appropriate signs posted.

Said Lyons, "Where the "No Parking" signs are posted, obey them or pay them (parking fines)."

DISTRICT COURT REPORT

Lewis F. Lee of 46 Division Street, Wilkes-Barre pleaded guilty to driving in the wrong lane and waived a hearing on a Driving while Under the Influence of alcohol (DUI) charge, Magistrate Earl Gregory reported Tuesday.

According to Gregory, Lee paid a total of \$47.50 in fines for the traffic violation on the 24th of June. Lee subsequently waived his July 3 hearing at Gregory's office and was moved to Luzerne County Court.

Lee is expected to participate in the county's Accelerated Rehabili-

tation program (ARD), if found guilty of the DUI charge.

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James Robert Koziel of 189 S. Memorial Highway, Trucksville was forwarded to Luzerne County Court this past week where he will face a Driving while Under the Influence (DUI) charge, The Post learned Tuesday.

Koziel waived his hearing before magistrate Earl Gregory on July 3. An additional charge of reckless driving was dismissed by Gregory.

Bank ribbon-cutting scheduled

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place today at 10 a.m. at Merchants Bank's new drive-up facility on Route 309, Eaton Township in Tunkhannock.

Attending the ribbon-cutting will be Harold J. Rose, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merchants Bank North, Barry C. Boyer, President and Chief

Operating Officer of Merchants Bank North and members of the bank's Tunkhannock Advisory Board.

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