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Center opens

Shown here at the newly-opened Little People Day Care Center in the Back Mountain Memorial Library building on Huntsville Road are, from left, first row, Kierstin White, Hank Garren, Jimmy Kreidler. Second row, Amy Michael, Linda McDonald, teacher; Matthew Jacolik, Stephanie Newton, Matthew Barnard, Michael McCartney, Susan McCartney, director; and Luke Kreidler.

Little People Center

'Because we care' is their motto

By KATHY SUDA
Staff Correspondent

With the increase of women in the work force so increases the need for quality day care facilities...like the newly opened center above the Back Mountain Library.

Little People Day Care Center began serving the Back Mountain communities on June 25. According to Susan McCartney, educational director, there is a need for quality care in the Back Mountain and Little People is filling it.

The summer program at Little People includes swimming lessons through the Newberry Estates, roller-skating and bowling.

The location of Little People is on the second floor of the old Dallas Borough Elementary School, which is now the Back Mountain Library.

The three classrooms are spacious, brightly painted and decorated and well lighted. The fact that the library is a flight of stairs away is also a plus,

according to McCartney. Children are allowed to take out books and are a party of storytime daily at the library. Outside is a large playground suitable for any variety of outdoor activities. The children receive one hot meal and two snacks daily.

The school motto is "Because We Care," which, according to McCartney says it all about the feelings of the people who work at Little People. McCartney believes the child's first few years are the most important. At the age of 2 1/2-3 years, children need companionship from others their age, McCartney said. In this way, children learn to socialize and to get along with others, she said.

John Perfetto, proprietor of Little People, requires the teachers at the center to have a four-year degree in Early Childhood Education. Perfetto also owns the Little People Center in Kingston.

Little People is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Anyone interested in visiting the school should call 675-6557 or 675-1717. McCartney said she would like anyone interested to come visit the facilities located at 96 Huntsville Rd.

Grossman on economics

Incentive financing now available in our area

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

Incentive financing is available for many businesses throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Despite the fact that over the last four years federal grants to encourage economic growth have decreased, a whole new system of financial incentives has been created, some through the resources of the Appalachian Regional Commission and Economic Development Administration at the federal level, and many at the initiatives of state government.

These incentive financing tools have enabled organizations such as the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania to begin to meet the new challenges of the 1980's in coping with the number one priority facing the region, the creation or preservation of jobs. When an examination is made of the opportunities which currently exist to provide either low-interest loans or outside financing at market rates for economic growth, the numbers are astounding.

New programs have sprung up through budgetary changes over the last several years at the state level, plus a whole new array of opportunities developed through the recent passage of legislation implementing the \$190 million dollar economic development bond issue in the Commonwealth.

The Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania administers an Enterprise Development Program which enables it to provide technical support to the business and industrial community of Northeastern Pennsylvania and to utilize the variety of resources which have been generated in recent years. Seven different types of revolving loan funds are but a beginning of the process by which such assistance can be provided. Five of these funds are for business and industry and two provide low-interest loans for housing project sponsors.

The Ben Franklin Partnership, Pennsylvania's version of high technology with the designation of four Advanced Technology Centers provides great flexibility in encouraging research and development, entrepreneurial development, and training and re-training opportunities to many project sponsors, both public and private throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Free energy surveys exist through the Council's designation as a Regional Energy Center with business and industry enabled to consider new ways to save money and increase profits, thus increasing the likelihood of new jobs.

A small business Procurement Opportunities Program exists whereby assistance is given from the point of information to the point

of completion of an application to its hopeful approval by a federal agency to provide procurement dollars through a competitive bidding process to Northeastern Pennsylvania businesses and industries. Thus far, 14 projects have been approved totaling over \$1 million and much more is likely in the future.

An Export Promotion Program exists in which assistance is given to those industries in Northeastern Pennsylvania desiring to export products overseas and make the burden of going through the process of such ventures easier, more efficient, and therefore, more profitable.

These are not the only types of funding arrangements possible. The Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Program is a long standing low-interest loan program which has had great benefit to the Northeastern Pennsylvania job picture. This program in addition to the Industrial Development Authority Program provides many ways to stimulate new jobs and preserve existing jobs in the Pocono Northeast. Both of these programs provide below market financing for a variety of projects which will induce new jobs.

A series of programs administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs affect downtown areas, housing and redevelopment of blighted sections of communities. The Small Communities Block Grant Program is a source of funding for those local

governments who traditionally have not had access to federal funding.

The new \$190 Million Dollar Economic Development Bond Issue provides resources for business and industrial loans, community employee buyout of plants which are threatened with closure, family farm enterprises which require working capital and other types of financing, business infrastructure development projects which will help induce economic growth on the part of a variety of public and private sector sponsors, minority business development financing tools, incubator building financing, and seed capital for venture capital funds, as well as dollars available for recreation projects.

While every effort should be undertaken to encourage some new grant programs for those communities in need of economic development, all of the above loan vehicles as well as others should be examined by the private sector as well as the public sector as opportunities for growth and expansion.

It is only necessary to contact the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, Pa. 18640 to obtain detailed information on any of the items mentioned. Every community and organization requiring financial assistance should contact the Council for advice and guidance.

(Howard J. Grossman is the executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.)

Pocono queen is sought

Wilkes-Barre II in conjunction with the Pocono Raceway are in search of a Queen to reign over the July 21 Pocono Summer 500 Nascar Race Weekend festivities.

Young women aged 18 (by July 21) to 25 years of age wishing to enter the Miss Pocono Summer 500 Contest can pick up their official entry blank at the following locations: The Sheraton-Crossgates Hotel front desk; Boscov's first

floor courtesy desk; Gallery of Sound - all locations; and the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

The pageant presentation is scheduled at the Public Square Band Shell on Thursday, July 18, beginning at 6 p.m. Judging will be a two-part series including swim suit and evening gown competition and will feature musical selections by Exodus.

Jackson Township news notes

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MILLER and daughter, Margaret Marie of Buffalo, Wyoming, have returned home after spending their vacation with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stash of Smith Pond Road.

MR. AND MRS. MORRIE CRAVEN of Willow Grove recently visited Mrs. Helen Franklin of Jackson Church Road.

MRS. PEARL MARSHALL of Clausen, Michigan is residing with her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Powell of Chase Rd.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES HARRISON of Illinois, have returned

home after visiting their aunt Mrs. Dorothy Powell, Chase Rd. and Mrs. Pearl Marshall.

SINCERE SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Mrs. Isabell Gosart.

MR. JOSEPH GMITER of Kingston, and a former Jackson Township resident is a patient in the W.B. Veterans Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

MR. AND MRS. ZIBE SMITH of Lakeland, Florida are visiting relatives and friends in this area.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE ELSTON, of Huntsville, who

observed their 61st wedding anniversary on June 19, Happy Anniversary.

MRS. DOROTHY PERKINS of Ceasetown is hoem from a two weeks vacation. She visited Mr. and Mrs. David King and family of Beacon Falls, Connecticut. Mrs. King is the former Roberta Perkins. Mrs. Perkins also visted an old friend Miriam Hartley in Greenport, New York. She had a lovely trip crossing Long Island Sound by ferry from New London, Connecticut to Orient Point, Long Island, New York.

MRS. HELEN FRANKLIN has returned from a month's vacation after visiting family and friends.

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