



Ground-breaking

Pictured above are participants in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new "Little General" Day Care Center. From left: Two-year old Paul Dougal (Shavertown); 12-year old Lisa Welgus (Wilkes-Barre); Joseph McDonald, vice president - Plant Operations, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital (Ashley); John Lukasavage, architect (Shavertown); Mark Arcure, commercial loan officer, Northeastern Bank; John Musto, vice president, Operations, Magic Years Learning Centers (Pittston); Bill Grant, president, Magic Years Learning Centers (Plains); Lois Knaub, vice president-Nursing and Human Resources, General Hospital (Forty-Fort); Greg Buzinski, director, Magic Years - "Little General" (Lafin) holding one-year old Bethany Jones (Mountaintop). In background: Nancy McAndrew, head teacher (Shavertown) with two-year old Kim Daniel (Mountaintop).

Ground broken for center

Magic Years Child Care and Learning Centers, Inc. recently held ground-breaking ceremonies for the new "Little General" day care center, to be located on North Pennsylvania Avenue near its current site.

Three separate classroom areas will accommodate 30 children each, enabling the center to expand services to the 115 families it currently serves. The new Magic Years - "Little General" will also feature a licensed, full-day kindergarten, approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Construction will be completed in early September, enabling kindergarten to start as scheduled this fall. Funding for the project was provided by Northeastern Bank in con-

junction with the Wilkes-Barre Industrial Authority.

First opened in May 1982 under the auspices of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Magic Years - "Little General" has been located on the second floor of Union Paper and Supply Co. All children from the center were present for the ceremonies, and the school age children created the sign "Future Home of Magic Years - "Little General" for the ground-breaking.

Magic Years Child Care and Learning Centers, Inc. offer child care, nursery school and kindergarten programs for infants and children through six years of age. A summer and after-school program is also available for youngsters age 7 through 12.



Your Social Security

With the year half over, now is a good time for people who get Social Security checks and who are looking to review their earnings, Thomas Lavelle, Social Security manager in Wilkes-Barre said recently.

It may be that a person has earned more or less than he or she expected and this could affect Social Security checks, Lavelle said.

The general rule is that a person can receive all checks for the year if earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount. In 1985, the annual exempt amount is \$7,320 for people who are 65-70 and \$5,400 for people under 65 all of 1985.

If earnings exceed the annual exempt amount, then \$1 in benefits is withheld for each \$2 of earnings above the limit.

This earnings test applies to all people under 70 getting checks except those getting checks because they are disabled.

There is a monthly test that can

be used in the first year a person has a month he or she does little work even though annual earnings exceed the limit. Under this test, a person can get a check for any month he or she earns less than the monthly limit or does little work in self-employment. The 1985 monthly limit is \$610 for people 65-70 and \$450 for people under 65.

People should remember that gross pay counts for purposes of the earnings test, not just take-home pay.

A person who finds that he or she is earning significantly more or less than expected should notify Social Security so that any needed adjustment can be made.

More information about the earnings test can be obtained at the Wilkes-Barre Social Security Office, located at Room 2227, 20 N. Pennsylvania Avenue. The telephone number is 826-6371. A free leaflet explaining the earnings test can be obtained there.



TODD JOSEPH KERESTES

One year old

Todd Joseph Kerestes, son of Joe and Diane Kerestes of Sutton Road, Shavertown, former residents of Swoyersville, celebrated his first birthday on July 14.

He is the grandson of Joe and Audrey Krestes of Ashley and Joe and Bette Stefanides of Swoyersville.

He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Louise Kerestes of Ashley. A party was held in his honor.

Calendar

Programs

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS are invited to an informative Open House at Penn State Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, July 21, 1-3 p.m. or on Monday, July 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., or Wednesday, July 24, 1-3 p.m.

The program is for high school seniors who might be considering Penn State as their college choice and want to find out more information. Sophomores and juniors who are looking ahead to the 1986-87 term are also invited, as well as persons who may still decide to enroll for the fall 1985 semester.

Parents are encouraged to attend as there will be an opportunity to work individually with representatives from the admissions office, financial aid, the counseling staff and faculty. There will be refreshments and walking tours of the campus.

For more information on the Open Houses and registration, call Margie Esopi at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, 675-2171, extension 238.

(717) 595-7456.

Meetings

VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES for the American Red Cross will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, July 23, at noon at Franklin's Restaurant, Dallas.

The purpose of the meeting will be to begin coordinating a volunteer recognition dinner that will be held some time after Labor Day.

This dinner, which will recognize Red Cross volunteers from the Back Mountain, will be the first of its kind for the organization. The Red Cross hopes to expand this idea to include recognition dinners in others areas of Wyoming Valley.

Gordon Fader, executive director of the American Red Cross, will award certificates to those volunteers recognized.

TRIPS

THE LEHMAN CADETTE TROOP 706 is sponsoring a shopping trip to Reading on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Departure for the trip will be at 7:30 a.m. from the Lehman Jackson Elementary School with stops at the Reading Outlet Center, Vanity Fair and the Danskin Outlet. Dinner will be at Leiby's Restaurant.

Cost for the trip is \$15 per person and does not include dinner.

For reservations, send check to Mrs. Charlene Cook, Box 22, Lehman Center, Lehman, Pa., 18627 by Friday, July 26. For more information, call 675-5700.

Proceeds from the trip will benefit Troop 706's planned trip to Georgia.

Read The Classifieds

Theater

SPARKLING AND IRREPRESSIBLE "MAME", the sentimental delightfully funny musical of Broadway fame will be presented at the Pocono Playhouse July 23 through July 28.

All tickets at Pocono Playhouse range from just \$10 to \$14. There are 9 performances per week. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 9 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m. Matinees Wednesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Call the box-office in Mountaintop, PA for further information and ticket reservations

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Nurses honored

Jeanne Voglia, standing, of Sugarloaf and Shirley Smith, seated, of Dallas, nurses at the V.A. Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre recently received a research grant from the Pa. Division of the American Cancer Society for research in the area of hospice care. An additional award was received by Ms. Smith and Ms. Veglia from the V.A. Medical District to develop further studies of hospice to include evaluation of comparative effectiveness of therapeutic interventions, quality of life, and bereavement counseling to families. Ms. Smith has a BSN from Bloomsburg University and a Masters degree in nursing from the University of Pa. She is coordinator of the Hospice Program at the V.A. Medical Center and Clinical Specialist in Oncology, involved in all areas of cancer care at the hospital. She is clinical professor at Wilkes College Department of Nursing and is active with state and local organizations of the A.C.S.



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