

Community Calendar

Misericordia hosts hot air balloon race

Custom Management Corporation (CMC) and General Foods will jointly sponsor a hot air balloon race on Oct. 5 to benefit local institutions. Activities begin at 2 p.m. on the campus of College Misericordia, Dallas, with the actual balloon launch at 5 p.m.

A first for the area, the "Great Balloon Race" will feature a spirited, one hour competition between representatives of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Nesbitt Hospital, Wyoming Valley West H.S., Wyoming Seminary Upper School, and College Misericordia.

Cash awards totaling \$1,000 will be presented to the participating facilities according to their finish in the competition. An honorary lead balloon represented by the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Office for the Aging will lift-off the "Great Balloon" event. In all, six colorful airships manned by professional pilots will take part in an authentic "hare and hound" competition.

In celebration of the Great Balloon Race, the respective facilities will launch a number of promotional events in their cafeterias. Employees and customers will be invited to enter a special drawing from Sept. 16-30 for a chance to represent their facility in a hot air balloon. A variety of activities including games, menu specials and prizes will highlight the two week cafeteria promotion.

According to a statement by John Metz, President and CEO of CMC, the objective of the "Great Balloon Race" is to generate a friendly competition among the participating facilities as well as present an exciting and colorful event for the entire community.

Custom Management Corporation is a professional contract management company which performs a wide range of consumer services for health care, educational and business clients.



Theatre opens

Showcase Theatre of Wilkes-Barre begins its 22nd anniversary year with the celebrated musical "My Fair Lady" by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. The Season Opener is under direction of Jane Tomassetti of Trucksville with musical direction by Debbie Gdovin of Shickshinny. Performance dates are September 27, 28 and 29 plus the first weekend in October 4, 5 and 6. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. nightly except on Sunday, October 6, a matinee starting at 2 p.m. (The September 27 Performance is sold out to the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre). Theatre site will be the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, campus of Wilkes College. Shown in the above photograph are several female cast members dressed as "Cockneys" from the production...enjoying a fun-filled moment in the park. From left, they are Toni Tomassetti, Kingston; Fran Keller, Wilkes-Barre; Janet Zagorski, Plymouth; Diane Yenson, Dallas; Mary Kuboski, Wilkes-Barre; and Leigh Schoner, Dallas. Other Back Mountain residents in the production include Barbara Loftus, Dallas (Mrs. Pearce, the housekeeper); Mark Kahn, Dallas (Harry); and Susan Valentine, Dallas (Little Girl). Appearing in the Lead Roles are Joseph Salsburg, Wilkes-Barre, the distinguished Professor Higgins and Donna Smith, Kingston, cast as Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl who became a great lady by mending her diction. Tickets to the play will be available at the door; however, advance reservations are encouraged...by calling Mrs. Charles Hensley, 146 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre or writing Showcase Theatre, P.O. Box 1635, Kingston. Group sales (20 or more in a group) can be obtained by calling Mrs. Edward Urbanski, 80 Third Ave., Kingston.

Dallas hosts Band Tournament Sunday

Drum Majors! Is your band ready? Are the judges ready? You may enter the field for competition!!! These words will be heard on Sunday, Sept. 29 as the Dallas Area Marching Band hosts their second annual Tournament of Bands competition starting at 1 p.m. in the senior high athletic field.

Bands from GAR, Lackawanna Trail, Montoursville, Mid Valley, Nanticoke, Pittston Area, Western Wayne and Lake-Lehman will be vying for the top spot in their group. Dallas, as host band, will perform in exhibition only.

Each band will perform for a minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 12 minutes, during which time they must execute, often quite difficult marching maneuvers while playing quality music. The band is followed about the field by a panel of judges from the Mid-Atlantic Judges Association who deduct one-tenth of a point for various errors such as wrong notes, out of step, dropped equipment etc. The judges comment are taped and are then used by the band directors to help overcome any weak points in the program. Judges are also seated in the stands during this time and they watch the general effect of each band.

The Dallas Band Boosters have planned for various booths to help make the afternoon more enjoyable. A variety of foods, baked goods, arts and crafts and raffle tickets will be available. Admission is \$2.00 and tickets may be purchased from the participating bands or at the gate. There will be ample parking available.

Make your plans now to spend your afternoon cheering your favorite band to victory.

Strikers open season

The Strikers Wrestling Club will open its season of elementary competition Oct. 1 at the Old Noxen School.

Registrations will be accepted on opening night from 7 to 9. Pre-registration is scheduled for Sept. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Noxen School.

All elementary boys in the Lake-Lehman, Dallas, or Tunkhannock school districts are welcome to attend.

Parents who would like further information may contact Mrs. Kocher at 639-2158 or Mrs. Ron Swingle at 298-2212.

Church golf tournament slated

A second Lehman United Methodist Church Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Twin Oaks Golf Course at Orange.

Don Weidner and Gilbert Tough of

Lehman will defend their team title and David Summa will defend his individual title.

Call Rev. Michael Shambora for further information. Church 675-5192 or office 639-2891.

Fifty nine take part in Bassmaster's Tourney

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

Joseph Drust, member of the Harveys Lake Bassmasters, reported that 59 boys and girls participated in the Fifth Annual Bassmasters Children's Fish Tournament held recently at Harveys Lake.

A total of 38 children, ages 15 and under caught 348 fish of various kinds totaling 117 lbs. 8 oz. There were 284 blue gills, 26 pickerel, 14 rock bass, 10 catfish, seven bass, six trout, and one perch weighed in by members of the club.

Winners in the 10 and under division were Becki Roan, first, 8 lb. 9 oz.; Samantha Abod, second, 7 lbs. 3 oz.; Carey Kirkella, third, 6 lbs. 10 oz.; Jason Boice, fourth, 4 lbs. 5 oz.; and Jerry Altavilla, fifth, 4 lbs. 5 oz.

Winners in the 11 to 15 age group were Darlene Demko, first, 15 lbs. 1 oz.; Chris Collier, second, 10 lbs. 1 oz.

Contest set

Spooks, spirits and shadowy shapes will settle in Swoyersville when the Swoyersville Borough Recreation Board sponsors its first annual "Creative Halloween Contest". The contest will be open to all individuals and groups regardless of age.

Entrants should construct a weather proof, self-standing Halloween Figure in any shape, size or form.

The ghastly ghouls will be gathered at the Tripp St. Tennis Courts, near Roosevelt Field, to haunt the vicinity from October 19 until the arrival of Halloween.

Creativity and appearance are the keys to winning one of the three prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$50 savings bonds.

To reserve a space for your entry and for additional information please call Dolores Resavage at 288-9190 or Councilman Chuck Zambito at 288-5510 by October 13.

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In the same age group Michelle Gazey caught the largest fish, a lunker bass weighing 1 lb. 10 oz. Darlene Demko caught the most fish, 64 in the 11 to 15 age group and David Potichko caught the longest fish, a 21 inch pickerel. Darlene Demko caught the smallest fish in her age group, a 3 1/2 inch blue gill. Chris Coolick won the award for the most kinds, five varieties.

In the 10 and under age group, Becki Roan caught the most fish with a total of 44. Jerry Altavilla caught the longest fish, a 19 inch pickerel and Nancy Smetana caught the smallest fish, a four-inch blue gill. Samantha Abod caught five different kinds of fish to win the award for the most varieties.

Boskov's, K Mart, Bait Box, Dairing's Market, Big Top Rentals, Roan Beverages, Kern Beverages, and Grotto Pizza donated prizes.

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'Dry Run' set for Sunday

The annual "dry-run" for runners, cyclists, and paddlers entered in the Cellular One Great Race V will be held in Wilkes-Barre's Kirby Park on Sunday, Sept. 29 from noon to 2 p.m. at the pond pavilion. The practice training session for the fifth annual triathlon, slated for Oct. 13, is designed to both familiarize competitors with the race course and to provide some expert instruction in each of the three athletic events.

A team of local physicians active in sports medicine will also speak on therapy, diet, nutrition, stretching and warm-up, and a balanced fitness program.

Participating in "dry-run" activities is free and open to the public, and registration forms for the Cellular One Great Race V will be on hand.

On race day itself, during the height of the fall foliage season, the starter's gun will sound from Wilkes-Barre's Public Square to begin the competition with the 10-K footrace. Runners will head south in a loop through the scenic Wilkes College area and then west across the Market Street Bridge, through Nesbitt Park and out to the Kingston Recreation Complex.

Team cyclists will then take over and tour through a 9-plus mile

course set in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties ending at the canoe launching site in West Pittston. Paddlers then man their boats for the 8-mile canoe leg down the scenic Susquehanna River, putting ashore in Nesbitt Park. A final 300 yard run to the finish line in Kirby Park ends the Cellular One Great Race V.

Team make-up in the triathlon will be one runner, one cyclist, two paddlers and one alternate. Teams will be divided into male, female and mixed categories with three age classifications determined by average team age. A corporate-business class and a media category are also featured, as well as a separate "iron-man" class.

The Cellular One Great Race V is hosted by NEPEC and sponsored by Cellular One of N.E. Pennsylvania, the car telephone company servicing Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, and the surrounding Northeastern Pennsylvania areas. Race proceeds will support the 1985-86 clean-air, water, land and recycling activities of NEPEC.

Individuals and businesses interested in participating in the Cellular One Great Race V can obtain more information by writing or calling to race coordinators at P.O. Box 3113, Scranton, PA 18505-3113, (717) 961-1150.

General Hospital plans annual Starlight Ball

Planning is underway for the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary's social event of the year: The 17th Annual Starlight Ball will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Woodlands. During the evening a name will be drawn as winner of a 1986 Mercedes Benz, 190 Class.

The evening's festivities will include cocktails from 8 to 9 p.m. with dinner and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be furnished by the Ken James Band.

Invitations, which will be mailed later this month, may be obtained by contacting General Hospital's Auxiliary Office of Volunteer Services Department.

Members of the committee include Mrs. Guy Serpico, Trucksville, Auxiliary first vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Ushinski, Shavertown, Auxiliary president; Mrs. William Rusin, Shavertown and Mrs. Alfred D'Anca, Shavertown, ball co-chairman.

Plans for the First Annual Jerry's Kids Classic Golf Tournaments are now underway. The 4 man scramble event is to be held on October 7 at the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Honorary Chairman of the event is former New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Joe Pisarcik. He will be joined by a number of former Penn State football players to kick off the inaugural event.

There will be an entry fee of \$100 per person. This includes the cost of cart and green fees, on course refreshments, prizes and awards. Each participant will also receive an Aureus cotton lisle shirt to commemorate the tournament.

This fee will also give golfers the chance to win a 1986 Cadillac which will be awarded to the first person to score a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. The award is sponsored by Falcone Beverage of Pittston.

The MDA is also looking for tee and green sponsors. These sponsorships are available to anyone interested at the tax deductible cost of \$200.

All those interested can pick up registration and sponsorships forms at area golf courses, taverns, or golf shops. Or they can call the Muscular Dystrophy Association at (717) 826-0201.

Pictured from left to right: Joe Pisarcik, Honorary Chairman; Sam Falcone of Falcone Beverage, Official Sponsor and Dave Shimshock, MDA Representative.

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