

Grossman on economics

Landfills are critical

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Have you ever toured the landfill sites of your region? If the answer is no, you have missed an opportunity to see firsthand one of the most important and critical services which any region or jurisdiction can provide. If the answer is yes, you have witnessed a fascinating behind the scenes operations which deserves the attention of all Northeastern Pennsylvanians. From Williamsport, through the heart of the industrial belt of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton/Hazleton, stands an array of existing landfill facilities as well as proposed sites which may mean the difference between economic stability or economic stagnation. The choice is up to the citizens and officials of Northeastern Pennsylvania as debate and controversy swirl across the regional landscape in view of large scale opposition to the location of new landfill sites or the expansion of existing operations.

While a tour of landfill sites may not be a perfect way to spend a sunny morning or afternoon, it represents an opportunity to witness what many take for granted—the disposal of wastes which people completely forget about as soon as the wastes are placed in a garbage can and left on the front of the driveway to be picked up for disposal.

A tour of landfill sites is revealing in the basic disposal methods utilized to “permanently rid the region of unwanted waste products.” It is true, however, that some of these “unwanted waste products” can be turned into valuable resources through a modern and technologically achievable recycling program. The City of Wilkes-Barre is an example of a program underway through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources after strong local citizen support for a recycling project. Bloomsburg has had a successful recycling program for some time. Recycling, however, has not caught the imagination of the entire State, nor has it caught the spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Center designed

A Center for Technology at Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus at Lehman is being designed by a special committee that includes many industry representatives as well as faculty and board members of the campus. At a breakfast meeting this month, the group included those shown here. From left, seated, Douglas Trumbower, Smith Miller and Associates; Dr. James H. Ryan, Penn State; Thomas Robinson, Bell of Pennsylvania; Lt. Col. Philip Kimerer, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Richard Taubar, GTE Products Corporation. Standing, Dean Buller, (non-member visitor from Smith Miller Associates); Milton Johns, InterMetro Industries Corporation; Adam Crahall, Offset Paperback Mfrs., Inc.; Dr. Richard Aston, Penn State, Dr. Anatol Kuczura, Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises; Walter A. Sowa, Penn State; J. Craig Clarke, Penn State; and Dr. David Rice, Penn State. Now shown, but actively serving are the following: Frank C. Baxter, Jr., PE, United Artists Cable Systems; Joseph Clifford, Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.; Hanford Eckman, ENCON, Inc.; John Gorski, MCI; Frederick J. Hartwigs, UGI; M.J. Handrahan, TDX Systems, Inc.; Russell Johnson, TDX Systems Inc.; Arnold Mrozinski, RCA Corporation; Robert Patrician, GTE Products Corporation; Robert Reynolds, Owens-Illinois, Inc.; Ian Richardson, Offset Paperback Mfrs., Inc.; W.G. Ward, Susquehanna SES; James White, SES; William Whittle, Offset Paperback Mfrs., Inc.; Robert Balla, Penn State; Harold Groff, Penn State; Jack Kolesar, Penn State.



Butterflies released

Mrs. Edith Pillarella, head teacher, Trinity Nursery School releases a Monarch Butterfly as the students wave goodbye.

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Ballet dancers entertain

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Peter Degnan and Kristin Schleich, founders of Ballet Northeast, with the Degnan Ballet studio at 19 North River St., Wilkes-Barre, entertained students at Lake-Noxen Elementary School, Monday, Sept. 23.

The two dancers and four of their students presented an hour and a half program for the students including a range or excerpts from bar exercises to numbers from the Nutcracker Suite, a production to be performed by their students during the holiday season this year.

With ballet becoming increasingly popular in the United States, Degnan and Miss Schleich decided to open a studio in the Wyoming Valley area, which is known as the Degnan Ballet Center located in the annex of the Hotel Sterling.

The studio which is beginning its third year has approximately 120 children ranging in age from five years of age to adulthood.

Both Degnan and Schleich have danced professionally for years with some of the best known companies in the United States and South America. They realize the United States is becoming the world center of dance and decided to give local students the opportunity to develop their growing interest in ballet.

Miss Schleich is a native of the Back Mountain. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schleich of Oak Hill, Dallas, having attended Gate of Heaven and Bishop O'Reilly High School.

Kristin started dancing at the age of five years under the direction of Miss Josia Mieszkowski of Wilkes-Barre Ballet. She also studied with the Pennsylvania Ballet School and



KRISTIN SCHLEICH

Eglevsky of New York City.

At 16 years of age, she moved to Louisville, Kentucky where she danced professionally, then relocated in Pittsburgh where she performed with the American Dance Ensemble.

Later, Kristin danced with the Ballet Venezuela Company in South America before returning to the

United States and dancing in Columbus, Ohio.

Kristin has been dancing for the past 20 years and it was six years ago that she met Peter Degnan in Pittsburgh and they began dancing as partners in the Ballet Petrov. They also danced together in the American Dance Ensemble and with El Ballet de Soleano in Venezuela.

Having danced with the Pittsburgh Symphony and played in “Carmen,” “Song of Norway” and “Juliet,” Kristin has widened her range of experience and has a lot to teach the students who come to the Center from throughout the Northeast region as far as Bloomsburg and the northern counties adjoining the area.

Degnan is a native of Bethlehem and started training about 17 years ago when he was 15 years of age. After studying in Bethlehem he studied with the Pennsylvania Ballet School, then with various centers in New York City.

He went to Pittsburgh in 1974 and danced with various groups, traveling throughout the United States and South America. More recently, he danced in Mexico, South America and Canada before meeting Miss Schleich and dancing for the past six years as partners.

Realizing they had the background and experience to give children an opportunity to develop their talent in the dance, the two dancers decided to open a studio in Wyoming Valley and also begin Ballet Northeast, a ballet company to continue to present the growing art form to local followers.

Both Schleich and Degnan as well as four of their students performed for the students of the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, a program sponsored by the school's Parent Teachers Organization.



Participants

Participants in “Careers in Engineering” program at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman were, from left, Michael Ferko, Duane Karchner, Patricia O'Neill, Harry E. Cooper, Thomas R. Robinson and Joseph R. Buczynski.

Alumni return to Penn State campus

Five Pennsylvania State University engineering alumni came back to college last Friday to share their practical knowledge with students and other interested persons attending a career exploration program at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman.

The program was the first of 10 in a career development series offered by the University's Center for Individual Development. According to Patricia O'Neill, coordinator of the series, all the programs are open to the public free of charge.

The next program, which is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4, will hone in on careers in computer

science. Future programs will cover careers in communications-October 18; biomedical engineering-November 1; education-January 31; business-February 21; telecommunications-March 7; mathematics-March 21; science-April 4; and health administration-April 18.

Alumni speakers at last week's seminar all Penn State graduate engineers now employed in the Wilkes-Barre area. Participating

were Joseph R. Buczynski, quality control supervisor at PP&L, Harry E. Cooper, project engineering department manager at Proctor & Gamble, Michael R. Ferko, district engineer for DER Bureau of abandoned Mine Reclamation, Duane Karchner, Unit 1 reactor engineer at PP&L, and Thomas R. Robinson, district engineering manager for Bell of Pennsylvania.

Calendar

THE ANNUAL MEETING for parents of children attending the Lake-Lehman E.C.I.A. Chapter I classes will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

This meeting is to explain to parents the programs and activities provided with funds made available by this federal program. Some of the materials used by the students will be on display and staff members will explain how they are used with the students.

Refreshments will be served.

THE “PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS” CLUB will be changing its meeting to Wednesday evenings, beginning October 2.

Anyone desiring further information about the club should call 333-444, 675-3271 or 869-1165.

FATHER JOHN J. O'LEARY K of C Council 8224 will hold its regular business meeting on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Gym, Dallas. All members are urged to attend.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact any of the Knights or Grand Knight Harry Beck, 639-2638.

Tours

THE GREATER WILKES-BARRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is sponsoring its 19th Annual Flaming Foliage Tours on Friday, Oct. 18.

Scheduled for this year's tour will be a stop in Williamsport where participants of the tour will then board the Hiawatha, an old fashioned paddle-wheeled riverboat, for a leisurely, relaxing cruise on the Susquehanna River. The scenic cruise will last until approximately 2:30 p.m.

Following the cruise, the trip will then continue to Lewisburg where a buffet dinner will be served at the Country Cupboard.

Reservations must be made in person at the office of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, 92 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Tilly Kalish at 823-2101.

Church

THE SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 163 North Pioneer Ave., Shavertown announces the following schedule: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:15 p.m., Bible Study.

Thursday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. Bible Study; 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 6:45 p.m., Couples Club Kickoff featuring Tom and Norene Clark, WNEP-TV Meteorologists.

THE TRUSTEES of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold their 41st semi-annual Chicken

Bar-B-Que Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5 at the educational building with serving from 5 to 7 p.m. both evenings. Takeout will also be available during those hours. Reservations are required.

The following persons are assisting the trustees: Honorary chairman, Rev. James Shillabeer; general arrangements, James Reynolds; kitchen and service, Barbara Dingle and Betty Mathers; cooks, Vought Long and Robert Johnson.

Tickets are available from Walter Pichert, Vought Long or through the church office 696-3897.

Sales

THERE WILL BE A FLEA MARKET AND BAZAAR held at the Dallas United Methodist Church, Church Street, on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 to 4 p.m.

Baked goods, plants, hand-crafted items, holiday items, antiques, collectibles and much more will be for sale. Lunch may be purchased between 12 and 1 p.m.

THE FIRST WELSH BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Girard and West Shawnee Aves., Plymouth will hold their Annual Rummage Sale. The sale will begin Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and end Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is ample parking in the Church Parking Lot.

Rummage may be submitted to the following members: Carol Pickett, Dot Saunders, Mary Carpenter, Netta Rees, Wilma Edwards, Bette Davies, Meg Smith and Liz Thomas.

Exhibits

COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES, through the Communications Supply Group-Sterling, will sponsor a “Telecommunications Product Show” on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Gandy Dancer Room at the Station Complex in Wilkes-Barre.

The show will feature telecommunications products including PABX's, fiber optics, station connection devices, key systems, wire and cable, terminal apparatus, transmission products, head sets, protection and connecting devices, telephone accessories and enhancements.

Some of the participating companies are Mitel, Siecor, Essex, NTI, Plantronics, Inter-Tel, Reliable, Wheelock, General Telecomputer and GAI-Tronics.

Admission to the show is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Judy Grate, advertising supervisor, at (717) 288-7471, extension 337.

THE LUZERNE COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE invites any needle artist in Northeastern Pa. to display their needlework in the Festival's seventh annual needlework exhibit Oct. 17-20 at the

109th F.A. Armory, Kingston. All needlework will be displayed in locked glass enclosed cases.

Articles may demonstrate the techniques of embroidery, crewel, cross-stitch, smocking, bargello, petit point, needlepoint, quilting, latch hook, tatting, weaving, knitting, crocheting or crocheting. Work may be adaptatins from other media, original designs or kits. Entries will be received until Monday, Oct. 14 at the Luzerne County Tourist Promotion Agency, 35 Denison Street, Forty Fort, Pa. 18704, 288-6784.

Lectures

ON SUNDAY, OCT. 6, the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society will sponsor a lecture entitled “Through the Looking Glass: Clothes and Society, 1850 to 1950.” The program will be presented by Cathryn McElroy, Curator of Decorative Arts for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

“Through the Looking Glass” will focus on the social and industrial developments which led to changes in fashion. Ms. McElroy will supplement her presentation with slides of clothing from the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg, as well as slides of artifacts in the Historical Society's collection.

The lecture, “Through the Looking Glass,” will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 at St. Stephen's Fellowship Hall, 35 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Immediately following the lecture the museum will be opened for all to enjoy a look at “Fashions From The Past.” The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Concerts

“HANDI-CAPABLE” singer-motivator Jeff Steinberg will be in concert at a Sunday morning Worship Service-Concert, New Life Community Church, at the “Glory Barn”, on Oct. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Brace Road, Orange, Pa. 18612.

Steinberg, 33 years old, was born in Philadelphia, with no arms and malformed legs, spent many years in Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children having numerous surgeries and lived from age nine at the Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children and Aged People in Allentown, Pa. where he lived more than 10 years. He holds a microphone in the hook at the end of his artificial arm and stands four feet six inches tall. He uses his singing talent, humorous anecdotes and personal story to inspire his audience and challenge them to see themselves each as a “Masterpiece...In Progress!”

Jeff, his wife, Debbie, and their 8-year old son Benjamin David (Benji) reside in Memphis, Tennessee.

Rev. Dennis Madeira welcomes you to this very special event.

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