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Giving safety checks

Hugh King, owner of the Recyclery Shop, is shown doing work on a bicycle at his shop on 12 Main Street, Dallas. King, who has been at the location for 10 years, will be offering a free safety check on any bicycles during the month of August from Monday through Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00.

Bike shop owner cautions against neglecting bicycles

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Because bicycling is thought of mainly as a recreational activity or as something that children do, many people have a tendency to neglect their bikes. It could be a deadly mistake.

"A bicycle is not a toy," said Hugh King, owner of the Recyclery bike shop in Dallas. "It is a vehicle. If a person doesn't take care of it, or if they don't take the proper safety precautions riding one, they could be seriously hurt or even killed in an accident."

Every person riding a bicycle on a roadway has the rights and duties of a vehicle driver, according to Pennsylvania law as interpreted by the Bicycle Federation of Pennsylvania. And, just as important, they must be maintained in a safe operating condition.

King recently had the job of inspecting bikes as part of a safety check before they were allowed to compete at a local bike-a-thon, and found that a large percentage of them were poorly maintained or seriously out of adjustment.

Many had insufficient tire pressure while others had poor braking systems. Some had no brakes at all. "A bike should be able to stop within a distance of 15 feet going at a speed of 20 miles per hour," King said.

In addition, he also stressed the importance of wearing headgear.

"Three out of four bicycling accidents are head injuries," King noted. "People don't realize how important it is to wear headgear. They say helmets are too expensive. Okay, maybe they are a little expensive, but that piece of equipment can save your life. It is well worth the investment."

"Last year at a bike-a-thon a girl fell off her bike, cracked her skull, and lost her hearing. So accidents can happen to anyone, even the best of riders."

King, who has been at his present location for the past 10 years, will offer in August a free safety check of any bicycle on any day during the week except Sundays. Shop hours are from 10:00 to 5:00.

Here are a few safety tips to enjoy safer riding:

— Check the tires for pressure - avoid using gas station hoses since they are geared mostly for cars. Pressure can enter a bicycle too fast, causing shock waves that could destroy the tire.

— For all bikes with handbrakes, spin both wheels and make sure they go around without touching the caliper brakes.

— While slightly in motion with the rider aboard, squeeze the handbrakes. The handgrips should not go up to the handlebars.

— Make sure the spokes are tightened. Loose spokes could cause the tires to swerve, causing the rider to lose balance.

— Check the nuts and bolts on the seats and handlebars to make sure they are secure.

SCORE assists business

SCORE, a non-profit association, is comprised of retired executive and active executive and offers free business counseling.

SCORE volunteers are retired men and women who have had successful business careers as company executives or owners of their own businesses. They are willing to share their knowledge and experience to help a person run his or her own business successfully or to start up a new business.

SCORE, which was started in 1964, now has more than 11,000 counselor volunteers and is sponsored by the United States Small Business Administration.

It is important to organize and manage all the special skills of a business in a way that will make a company operate successfully and SCORE counselors have this management ability.

Nationally, SCORE has helped thousands of small businesses iron out their problems. There are more than 11,000 members scattered in the 50 states plus Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

Since SCORE is a non-profit organization, it exists to provide free information and advice on practically every conceivable business. From ladies' ready-to-wear retailing to food service and restaurants, construction, electronics, computer technology - from advertising and marketing to financial control, purchasing, etc.

The counselor chosen to service you has the experience that most closely parallels your needs. But no one is an expert in every type of business so your SCORE counselor may call on other SCORE members for their special expertise.

Your counselor or the team meets with you personally and as frequently as necessary. They analyze and define your problems and recommend solutions. They keep checking with you to see how the recommendations are working. The period of counseling may take as little as a week or a year or more - whatever length of time is required.

All the information that SCORE volunteers learn about your business is treated as strictly confidential and is not revealed to anyone outside of SCORE.

You are welcome to attend any of the seminars and workshops which SCORE conducts periodically. These cover the major considerations for setting up or running a business. Speakers are SCORE members and prominent local business executives.

To learn how you can become a client of SCORE and get personal counseling for your business, telephone or stop in at the SCORE office nearest you.

The Wilkes-Barre SCORE Chapter 361 is located in Penn Place, Room 2327, 20 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 18702. You can reach the office by telephone by calling 826-6497.



Jones joins staff

Susan Jones of Trucksville has joined the professional nursing staff of the Visiting Nurse Association-Home-Health Services (VNA-HHS) in Kingston. She is shown above at right, with Mary Ann Cortese of Old Forge. Originally from Levittown, Pennsylvania, Miss Jones graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She will be providing home nursing services to patients in the Nanticoke area. Miss Cortese is a graduate of Old Forge High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Wilkes College. Her nursing duties at VNA-HHS will include caring for patients in the Pittsburg area. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cortese of Old Forge, she is also a member and Aerobics Instructor at the Civic Ballet Company. VNA-HHS is a United Way Member Agency which has been providing home health services to the homebound ill of Luzerne County since 1908.

Restaurant talks break down

Friendly Ice Cream Corporation today announced that discussions with the Bours Corporation of Wheeling, West Virginia concerning the proposed merging of Elby's Family Restaurants with Friendly have concluded without the parties being able to reach a satisfactory agreement.

John F. Cauley, Jr., President of Friendly, a division of Hershey

Food Corporation, stated that negotiations leading to a definitive acquisition agreement, which have been underway for the past few months, concluded amicably.

Friendly operates approximately 770 restaurants in 17 states. Elby's operates over 70 restaurants located in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Maryland.

College gets estate bequest

Wilkes College has received a bequest in the amount of \$674,716 from the Estate of the late Marion R. Schaeffer, Dallas.

Miss Schaeffer was, throughout her lifetime, a consistent benefactor of Wilkes College, giving both moral and financial support. Both she and her father, the late William B. Schaeffer, demonstrated a dedicated interest in Wilkes from its

earliest days. Mr. Schaeffer, for whom the Schaeffer Lecture Hall in Stark Learning Center is named, served on several committees and acted in an advisory capacity to help foster the growth of the institution. Following his death, Miss Schaeffer served in the same capacity.

Proceeds from the bequest will be placed in the endowment fund.

Obituaries

Oscar Heitsman

Oscar Heitsman, of RD 4, Tunkhannock, died August 1 in Leader East Nursing Home, Kingston.

Born in Centermoreland, he was a 1932 graduate of Dimock High School and a graduate of Pennsylvania State College.

Before his retirement, he was a dairy farmer. He was a member of the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church and a member of various agricultural organizations and the Wyoming County Industrial Redevelopment Authority.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Brown; daughter, Mrs. Judy Petras, Dalton; sisters, Mrs. Ruth Lasco, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Carol Townsend, Dallas; brother, Robert, Springdale; grandsons, Andrew and James Petras; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, George.

Anna Latosek

Mrs. Anna M. Latosek, of RD 3, Dallas, died July 30 in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland.

Surviving are her husband, Frank A., with whom she celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in August, 1985; sons, Francis, Centermoreland; Andrew, at home; daughters, Leono Harchard, Edison, N.J.; Mary Ann Dymond, Centermore-

land; Florence, at home; brothers, Alfred Lencoski, South Boundbrook, N.J.; Jerome, Swoyersville; sisters, Veronica Wiencoski, Morrisville, Pa.; Albina Baron and Frances Sopata, both of Swoyersville; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Sidney Harmatz

Sidney Harmatz (Harris), of RD 1, Falls, died July 29, following an auto accident in Vancouver, Canada, where he was attending Expo '86.

Born in Kingston, he resided in the Wyoming Valley his entire life. He was employed by WNEP-TV, Channel 16 for the last 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Gertrude Moses, at home; a daughter, Dr. Esther Harmatz, Tunkhannock.

Kathleen Cherup

Mrs. Kathleen A. Cherup, RN, 44, of 29 Pear Tree Lane, New Goss Manor, Dallas, died July 30 in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Springfield, Mass., she resided in the Back Mountain area since 1970.

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She was a graduate of Hanover Township High School, Class of 1959, and Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1962. Until 1968, she served as head nurse in the operating room of Pennsylvania

Hospital.

Upon her return to the Wyoming Valley, Mrs. Cherup was employed in the operating room of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She was employed for four years as a nurse by Dr. George Moses, Wilkes-Barre, and most recently served as a private duty nurse. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her parents, Mrs. Evelyn Walko, Hanover Township, and James O'Neill, New York; her husband, John; children, Jay, Kara Ann and Corey, all at home; sister, Mrs. Robert (Jean) Petzinger, Huntington, Long Island, New York.

Wilkes receives \$50,000 grant

Wilkes College has been notified by the Surdna Foundation that it will receive \$50,000 as a challenge grant to support alumni giving during 1986.

Wilkes, like many other private independent colleges, relies largely on tuition-generated income. The challenge grant becomes especially important because it reinforces annual gifts and serves as an impetus to giving by alumni and other constituencies. Surdna will match, dollar for dollar, any amount raised by alumni in new or increased gifts over the amount raised during the previous year.

Wilkes College President Christopher N. Breiseth said, "With the initiative provided by the one-to-one challenge from Surdna, Wilkes anticipates surpassing our previous goals and reaching new levels of participation by our alumni throughout the country."

The Surdna Foundation was incorporated in 1917 by John E. Andrus. The foundation provides support for general education, particularly higher education, medical education, health care delivery, medical research, social concerns and cultural affairs; and focuses primarily on the northeastern United States.

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