

People, places, and things

Back Mt. on the move

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CONGRATULATIONS Judy Fitch! Judy, daughter of Ralph and Betsy Fitch, Demunds Road, Salas, was crowned Miss Wilkes-Barre-Scranton on Saturday night at the Kirby. Judy will now compete for the title of Miss Pennsylvania at Altoona in June.

Our Back Mountain beauty held her audience spellbound with her swimsuit and evening gown appearances. It was obvious she was the choice of the onlookers when she let go with her beautiful voice singing Whitney Houston's song "Where Do Broken Hearts Go". It was a loud and long applause from an audience of over 1,000 in number and Judy's smiles stole your heart if her words hadn't already.

We are so proud of you Judy! Good luck now as you go on for the title of Miss Pennsylvania in June, we'll be watching! Judy's crown earned her a \$1,000 scholarship plus over \$7,500 worth of beauty and wardrobe prizes.

She was definitely the crowds' choice of the evening and certainly the Back Mountain choice.

SUZANNE LEHMAN, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lehman of Orchard View Terrace, Dallas, was promoted to the position of a buyer at Hess's Wilkes-Barre. Suzanne's promotion also takes her to Allentown where she will reside and train in her new position.

Easter Sunday she left her home in Dallas for Allentown with lots of apprehension and excitement. Good luck Suzanne, we'll miss you in our area, we'll be keeping in touch.

MARY HELEN MICKIEWICZ, DAUGHTER OF Myron and Monica Mickiewicz, Shavertown, will be honored at a bridal shower on April 10 at the Holiday Inn. Mary is a graduate of Dallas High School and is employed as a teacher in Lancaster at the Lititz Linden Hall.

She will marry Eric Cuba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cuba. Eric is employed as a chemist at Lancaster Labs, Lancaster. The couple will be married on May 28, at St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, at 2 p.m. and all her friends are welcome to attend the wedding.

LOREN CRAGLE of Sweet Valley, son of Fred and Peggy Cragle, owners of Cragle's Bible Book Store, was home for Easter with his family. Loren attends Liberty University in Virginia and he invited our girls, Lori and Darci to ride along home for the Easter Holiday.

Needless to say, the Davis and Hillard families had an extra special Easter since we "knew" our girls couldn't be home this year. Thanks Loren, you sure made our Easter this year. Loren wasn't the driver either, her name was Martha, she's from Ashley and we met her for about 2 minutes at "pick-up" going back. A special thanks to Martha, her van and her family for providing the wheels!

INSALACO'S in Dallas, the 309 Shopping Center have claimed every Tuesday in April as Amber Nicely Day. Be sure to do your shopping at Insalaco's on Tuesday's, look for the barrel at the exit and deposit your receipt from your purchases in the barrel. The total receipts of the entire day will be added and Insalaco's will donate 5 percent of the total to Amber. Remember, shop Insalaco's Tuesdays in April and deposit your receipt in the barrel at the exit and you too will be helping Amber.

The basketball game last Saturday night for Amber realized over \$4,000 for her medical expenses. Keep praying for Amber and God Bless all our readers who have helped and continue to help our special little 7 year old friend in her battle against cancer. "Together we'll win!"

THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of the Back Mountain will hold its first service in its new building on Hildebrandt Road, Dallas, this Sunday, April 10.

A long awaited day, this is a very special service for Pastor Dwight Hodne and his congregation. The building committee has been spearheaded by John Davis, Newberry Estates, Dallas. A bag lunch will be held following the morning services and a tour of the building will follow. If you do not have a church home of your own you are cordially invited to join in on Sunday.

RAELENE DARING, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daring, Shrine Acres, Dallas, will be wed to Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski, Jr., son of Superior Court Judge Peter Paul Olszewski and June M. Olszewski, Wilkes-Barre on July 29 at St. Therese's Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Raelene is a graduate of Dallas High School and Kutztown University with a B.S. Degree in Art Education. She is employed by the Dallas School District and Daring's Market, Inc. Dallas. Congratulations Raelene.

ANN HIGGINS, Chase, played Easter Bunny this past Sunday, by staging the best Easter egg hunt ever! The Phillips, Milbrodt, Higgins, and Higgins grandchildren enjoyed searching for 99 colored eggs hidden in Grandma Annie's backyard on Kasco Road. Great-nieces, Theodora and Michaelene, Follies Road, were also invited to join in the fun. It was a beautiful way for the Higgins family to spend the Easter holiday in the spirit of togetherness.

Neighborhoods to get grant

Community centers, nature areas, neighborhood parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities across Pennsylvania will share \$5.7 million in state rehabilitation and improvement grants, Gov. Robert P. Casey announced recently.

Casey made public the total list of 150 grants being awarded under the Recreational Improvement and Rehabilitation Act (RIRA).

Funds from the RIRA program are used by local governments for the planning, acquisition, rehabilitation and development of public park, recreation and community center facilities.

All projects are scheduled for completion in the next one to three years.

Since its inception in 1984, the RIRA program has provided communities in Pennsylvania with \$24 million in grant assistance for more than 630 park, recreation and community center projects.

The program is administered by the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation in the state Department of Community Affairs.

In Luzerne County: Jackson Township will receive \$50,000 to acquire parcels of land for the development of a community park and recreation area.

Kingston Township will receive \$29,000 to develop and renovate Center Street Park.



Cubs learn fire safety

Tiger 2 Cub Pack 155's monthly meeting for March was held at the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Co., Carverton Rd., Trucksville. Mr. Eck, the Fire Chief, gave a presentation in fire safety. He demonstrated the equipment and explained procedures and precautions that firemen use while fighting fires. He also emphasized and taught the cubs and parents how to be safe should a fire occur. At the end of the presentation, the pack was able to inspect the fire engines and were given "tot finder" stickers for their windows. Seven cubs and seven parents were in attendance and all went away with a better understanding and respect of the fireman's job. Row 1: Tim Pacewicz, Mr. Eck, Fire Chief; Row 2, on truck, Emory Ishley, Howard Stritzinger, Bryan Bachman, Jim Krispin, John Kozemko and Bill Duda.

United Way to recommend board directors

The nominating committee of United Way of Wyoming Valley announced its recommendation for nominations to the Board of Directors. Elections to the United Way Board will be held at the Annual Meeting and Awards Event slated for Thursday evening, April 14, at Genetti Best Western, Wilkes-Barre.

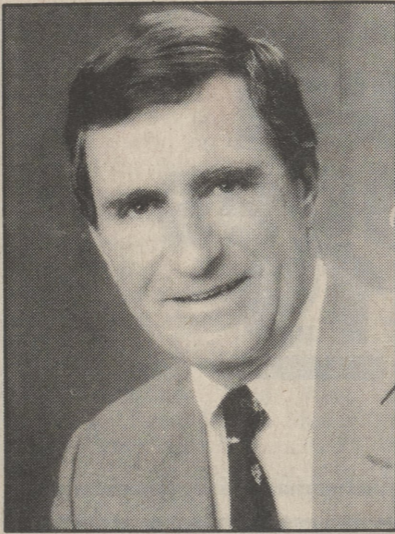
Nominated for three year terms are: Rosalie Brader, Joan M. Cos-

tello, George B. Davis, M.D., Joseph A. Frank, Sr., Sue Kluger, George R. Murray, Edward P. Nork, M.D., Susan W. Shoval, Stephen Sordoni and Gilbert D. Tough.

Nominated for a two year term is: Gus Genetti, Jr.

Nominated for one year terms are: Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth, Sister Lucille Brislin, R.S.M., Ray E. Burd, Jr. and David L. Whipple. United Way officers nominated

for the upcoming year are: Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, Chairman; John D. McCarthy, Vice Chairman, Volunteer Leadership Recruitment; Ian Richardson, Vice Chairman, Marketing; Anna B. Cardoni, Secretary; Joan M. Costello, Assistant Secretary; Patrick J. Aregood, Treasurer; Robert J. Ciaruffoli, Jr., Assistant Treasurer and Barry C. Boyer, 1988 General Campaign Chairman. Gilbert D. Tough chaired the nominating committee.



William Runner

Runner named

William A. Runner, Jr., is a Back Mountain resident and a vice president, Public Finance, in First Eastern's Capital Markets Group who has been named to serve on the Bank Capital Markets Association (BCMA) Public Finance Seminar Planning Committee. The BCMA, founded in 1972, is a 178-member non-profit organization of commercial banks which, through "dealer" divisions or departments, underwrite, trade or deal in a variety of public securities including federal, state and local government securities, money market instruments and foreign exchange. The Association helps to develop its members' skills and to enhance their participation in the public securities industry.

McKeever on team

Colleen McKeever, a graduate of Dallas High School is a member of the 1988 Bloomsburg University lacrosse team.

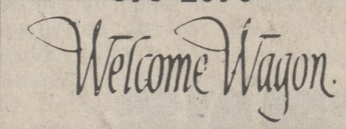
The freshman is listed in the defensive wing position for the Huskies, under sixty-year head coach Sharon O'Keefe.

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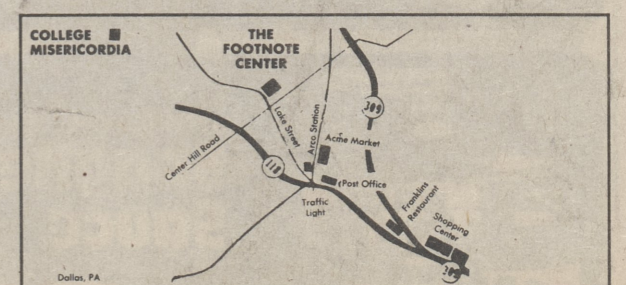
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