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Mr. and Mrs. Cummings celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cummings, Sr., of Trucksville, were honored recently at a 50th Anniversary surprise party given by their children at the Franklin Township fire hall.

One hundred thirty five friends, neighbors and family members attended. Special guest Senator Charles Lemmond, Jr., presented Mr. and Mrs. Cummings with a Certificate of Recognition from the State Senate.

The Cummings were married July 30, 1938, by the late Rev. John J. O'Leary at St. Theresa's Church,

Shavertown.

They are the parents of 10 children, Phillip, Jr. of Moscow; Richard, Kia, Vietnam; Mary, Kingston; Eileen, Nashua, N. H.; Frank, at home; Helen, John and Charles, all of Dallas; Lawrence, Trucksville; and Joanne, Kenne, N.H. The Cummings also have 25 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mr. Cummings was employed for many years by Acme Markets before he retired.

Killeen is appointed a vice president at United Penn Bank

Joseph I. Killeen, Jr., has been named Vice President and Commercial Lender at United Penn Bank's Main Office in Wilkes-Barre, according to an announcement by Richard F. Laux, United Penn Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Glenn Y. Forney, President and Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Killeen began his career with United Penn in 1971, and has occupied many posts in various areas of the bank, most recently as Northern Regional Vice President.

Mr. Killeen attended Central Catholic High School and Wilkes College. Other educational credits include the Commercial Lending School of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and numerous courses of the American Institute of Banking. He is also a 1983 graduate of Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

His professional and fraternal affiliations include the American Institute of Banking, Robert Morris Associates, and George M. Dallas Lodge 531; and Irem Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Throughout his banking career, Mr. Killeen has been deeply involved in community activities. Positions he has held include: past



Joseph I. Killeen

president of Dallas Rotary Club, chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction for 1982, member of the board of directors of the Dallas Area Fall Fair, past chairman of 1977-78 Luzerne County Fair, and past treasurer of Dallas Area Medical Center.

Residents of Dallas, Mr. Killeen and his wife, Gail are the parents of daughters, Tara and Kelly and son, Sean.

Paintings by Bette Search on display at United Penn Bank

Bette Search, an artist from Hunlock Creek, is currently exhibiting her paintings at the Dallas Branch of the United Penn Bank through the month of August.

Ms. Search has been painting for the past 15 years and works in a variety of media. She is a member of the Cider Painters of America and the Art Gallery, College Misericordia. Her most recent award was being chosen as one of the five most popular artists at the Cider Painters of America National Exhibit. She currently studies painting and drawing with Sue Hand, Dallas. She also studied painting with the late Alice Welsh

Jenkins. She is the wife of Karl Search.

The exhibit primarily contains watercolor paintings of local barns, old houses, local coal breakers and other scenery. Bette Search is also a master quilter, and many of her paintings reflect her hobbies of quilts and antiques and her love of children and the Pennsylvania countryside. Her work can be viewed at the United Penn Bank, Main Street, Dallas, during regular banking hours. The exhibit is second in a series of ongoing visual arts exhibits in the bank lobby, displayed for the enjoyment of the community.

Secretary's workshops at Penn State

Professional secretaries and administrative assistants can learn to cope with delegated managerial duties, communication problems, stress, and irate people in a series of Penn State workshops scheduled for this fall.

The programs begin September 8 and will be held in Wilkes-Barre at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman and in Towanda.

Margaret C. Hopfl, director of continuing education at the Penn State Altoona Campus, will present the day-long workshop "Secretary-Supervisor: The Dynamic Duo - Building a More Effective Partnership", 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Sheraton Crossgates Hotel on Public Square.

Participants will learn skills for working more effectively with their supervisors: when to lead and when to follow, when and how to make decisions, and how to manage themselves in difficult situations.

Augustus Colangelo, personnel director, HRB-Singer, State College, is the speaker for "Handling Grouches, Grumps, and Other

Would-Be People." Scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Sheraton Crossgates, the workshop will offer specific skills for dealing with irate clients or co-workers.

"Stress and Burnout" is the title of a two-evening workshop, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29, on the Penn State Campus in Lehman. John A. Farkas, director of admissions and financial aid, Keystone Junior College, will explore ways to anticipate and reduce burnout potential.

Farkas will also lead the workshop "Assertiveness" which will examine differences between assertive, aggressive and non-assertive ways of handling difficult situations. The workshop is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 15, on the campus in Lehman.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from Donna Todd, Continuing Education, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, P.O. Box PSU, Lehman, PA 18627-0217, Wilkes-Barre phone 675-9210 or 1-800-426-2358.



Good food and fun at Centermoreland Chicken Barbecue and Auction this weekend

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Looking for an evening of good food and great fun? If you have never attended the Centermoreland Chicken Barbecue and Auction, you might want to take it in this year. Hundreds of residents throughout the area and many from outside this area will be attending the 33rd Annual Centermoreland Methodist Church Chicken Barbecue and Auction this Friday and Saturday.

The chicken barbecue and the auction originated in 1954 when members of the Centermoreland Methodist Church came up with the idea to raise badly-needed funds for renovations to the church.

The event proved to be more than a fundraiser. It became a time for former residents to return to the area and share good times with friends and relatives as well as to enjoy a delicious homecooked dinner and the auction.

Each year, the number of persons attending increased until men and women of the church found themselves serving thousands who came from all areas. The barbecue, followed by a program and the auction was held every year with the exception of 1972, the year of the flood, when families evicted from their homes by the high waters were housed in the Centermoreland Church.

In the early years, the front of the church faced the road that runs along the right of the building but today, the entrance has been changed to the side of the building, with the altar at the end of the sanctuary facing the road.

Many of the church members who first organized and worked at the annual event have either died or moved from the area, but the present members, though fewer in numbers, continue to work diligently to make both the barbecue and the auction successful.

Penny Reid and Judy Schoonover are in charge of the barbecue dinner, Earl Besteder is in charge of the auction, Estelle Whispell is chairperson of the

baked goods stand and Sheryl and Bob Phillips the refreshment stand. Will Gantz will supervise the barbecue pits and Betty D. Fuller, the small items stand. Claire Gantz is chairperson of the tables and Will Gantz and Bob Phillips are chairmen of the grounds.

In earlier years, the men and women plucked and cleaned chickens and the women made all of the pies which were served as dessert. When the crowds attending the barbecue became too large, the members discontinued plucking and cleaning the chickens and instead ordered them freshly killed and dressed locally. They also substituted ice cream and cake for the pies.

There are many other items of interest to enjoy. The refreshment stand with a wide variety of foods such as the traditional hamburgs and hot dogs, fries, beverages, and new items as well; a baked goods stand with plenty of homemade cakes, pies, rolls, breads, Welsh cookies and candies.

A small goods booth on the grounds attracts those interested in books, jewelry, knick-knacks, crafts and other miscellany. Nearby is a plant booth offering large and small plants for sale.

The dinner starts at 4 p.m. and serving continues until 7 p.m. under a large tent. Everything is prepared by the members from the barbecued chickens to corn on the cob, baked potatoes to cole slaw.

Prior to the auction, the Jacob Brothers will entertain Friday night, and El and Sal, Saturday night.

During the auction, Hillside Farms Dairy Store will have its ice cream truck on the grounds. The auction will begin at 8 p.m. In addition to the new and nearly new, as well as antiques going over the block, there will be, as always, hand-quilted quilts made by women of the church.

Auctioneers will be Albert Smith, Sonny Smith and Jeff Townsend, and perhaps others those attending may know.

The Boy Scouts will be in charge of parking. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and less for children.



OPEN HOUSE FOR ADULTS— Adult students returning to college will have an opportunity to learn about their options when College Misericordia offers its Open House for Adult Students on August 9 and 13. Anyone interested in attending should contact Misericordia's Continuing Education Office at 675-2181, ext. 289. Preparing for the Open House sessions are, from left: seated, Dr. Florence Bourcier, acting chair of Nursing; Elaine Halesy, chairperson of Allied Health; Donna Snelson, Nursing faculty. Standing, Kathy Flanagan Herstek, assistant director of Continuing Education; Thomas O'Neill, director of Continuing Education; Paula Wilkes, registrar; and Jane Dessoye, director of Financial Aid.

Open house for adult students this Saturday

College Misericordia will hold Open House for Adult Students on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 9-11 a.m. at the Dallas campus. Anyone interested in starting or completing an undergraduate degree, should plan to attend one of these sessions to learn more about financial aid options, Misericordia's fields of study and evaluation of transfer credits.

The sessions are free, however reservations should be made by calling the Continuing Education Office at 675-2181, ext. 289.

Misericordia's Open House for Adult Students will also include an introduction to two new majors in the College's Accelerated Degree Program. Through this unique program, students take courses in the evenings based on an eight-week session versus the traditional semester. This enables part-time students to complete a bachelors degree in four years, or less than four years if students already hold an associates degree. Prior to the fall 1988 term, Misericordia offered degrees in business, accounting and

general-liberal studies through the Accelerated Program. The college now offers degrees in nursing and radiography.

"We can offer adult returning students day, evening or weekend options that fit into their busy schedules," said Kathie Flanagan Herstek, assistant director of Continuing Education. "And we have a variety of support services geared specifically to adults to help them successfully make the transition to college."

Mark Kloeber to be married in Oregon

The Drs. Jurgen and Erica Meyer-Arendt announce the engagement of their daughter, Susanne to Mark Davenport Kloeber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Kloeber, Orange, formerly of Ferguson Ave., Shavertown.

Miss Meyer-Arendt is a graduate of Seattle Pace University in Washington State. She is currently employed on the Island of St. Thomas.

Mr. Kloeber, a 1975 graduate of Dallas High School, graduated from Albright College, in Reading. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City and is also employed on St. Thomas. Mr. Kloeber is the grandson of the late Atty. Edith M. Kloeber and Mrs. Harold Davenport, Orange, and the late Harold S. Davenport.

An August wedding is planned and will take place in Ashland, Oregon.

Carol Hodges is appointed manager of firm

Carol Lee Hodges of Dallas has been appointed Manager-Marketing Director of Wyoming Valley Abstract Co., an agency of Chicago Title Insurance Company.

She comes to Wyoming Valley Abstract Co. after five years of serving in various management positions with the American Red Cross, most recently having served as Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Chapter Executive. Prior to Red Cross, Mrs. Hodges spent 10 years as managing Broker for southern New Jersey real estate firm and several years with another major title insurance company.

Mrs. Hodges currently resides in Dallas with her husband, Paul, who is Donor Resources Development Director for the American Red Cross Northeast Blood Region, and four of their seven children.

She is also a volunteer with the Wyoming Valley ARC Chapter, Center City Blood Council and a board member orienter for the ARC Territorial Council here in the Northeast region.

Seniors group plans craft booth

Back Mountain Senior Citizens met recently at St. Therese's Auditorium, Shavertown.

Guest speaker, Attorney John O'Connor, spoke on the subject of wills. A question and answer session followed.

Mary Ann Daley, Project HEAD coordinator, was present and requested that members submit hand-crafted objects to her for the Project HEAD Arts & Crafts booth at Luzerne County Folk Festival which will be held in October.

Members were informed that reservations and deposits for the November 16, trip to the dinner show "Joys of Christmas" must be paid by September 6. Contact Kaye Ray, trip chairman, at 477-5203, for further information.

The following members volunteered their services on the refreshment committee: Clara Paltrineri, Florence Petrone, and Gertrude Miscavage.

A social hour followed the business meeting.

An arts and crafts display and demonstration is planned for the August 18 meeting which will be at St. Therese's Auditorium, Shavertown, at 1:30 p.m.

New members are always welcome to join.

Junior Naturalist program to start

Are you between the ages of nine and 13 and want to learn about and conserve Pennsylvania's natural resources? If you do, then why not sign up for Frances Slocum State Park's Junior Naturalist Program? The program will be held August 23 through 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This year's theme for the week is "Forests Are More Than Trees", so participants will be discovering, through investigative activities, why forest are vital to all of us.

Park naturalist Angela Wassel, will be accepting reservations starting August 8 through August 19. To sign up call 696-3525 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Parents are invited to attend.

Luksic gets scholarship

Michael M. Luksic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Luksic, of Shavertown, will begin his freshman studies at King's College this fall as a recipient of an Academic Scholarship.

The scholarships, ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$2,800, were awarded competitively based on academic achievement and are renewable annually.

Luksic is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School.