

PEOPLE

Susan Pecukonis appointed customer service supervisor at Commonwealth

Susan A. Pecukonis has been named customer service supervisor at Commonwealth Communications, Inc. (CCI), Kingston. According to Art Bowen, manager, Customer Service, Pecukonis will now be responsible for the supervision of the customer service and maintenance contract departments as well as the automation of the customer service and billing systems. CCI, a subsidiary of C-TEC Corporation, provides design, installation, and maintenance of sophisticated telecommunications systems. The firm serves clients in four states.



Susan A. Pecukonis

Prior to assuming her new position, Pecukonis served as supervisor, Results and Audits, at Commonwealth Telephone, also a C-TEC subsidiary. Her other job experience at Commonwealth

includes budget administrator for Support Services, and manager trainee for Productivity and Quality Control. Before joining Commonwealth, Pecukonis was employed in the accounting departments of Sterling Telecom, Superior Millwork and Shelborne Corporation.

The recipient of an associate degree in business administration from Lackawanna Junior College, Pecukonis is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at College Misericordia, Dallas.

Pecukonis is a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda (continuing education honor society) and is a Collegiate Scholastic All-American. She resides in Shavertown.

Shaughnessy elected to Blue Shield Council

Molly C. Shaughnessy of Lehman was recently elected to Pennsylvania Blue Shield's Subscriber Advisory Council.

The 29-member Council is composed of representatives from large and small Blue Shield subscribers to the Company's Board of Directors.

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Shaughnessy, a native of Cleveland, is Vice President and Director of Personnel at First Eastern Bank in Wilkes-Barre. She holds B.S. from Marymount College.

Pennsylvania Blue Shield serves nearly 6 million subscribers in its Private Business programs and processes Medicare Part B claims for 3.2 million beneficiaries in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.



First sorority at Misericordia

The Alpha Omega Sorority is the first Sorority on College Misericordia's Campus. It was founded by Diane DeFluri, president and 13 other women students under the direction of Carol Marchena, junior advisor. The Sorority is a community service as well as a social organization. Alpha Omega will begin pledging for new members this month.

Front row, from left, Shirley Pallante, Ericka Magor, Carol Marchena, Meg Coneen. Back row, Carol Holmes, Diane Dimke, Cheri Koler, Lisa Patuk, Sara Gordon, Sue Lawson, and Diane DeFluri.



General's Auxiliary Card Party tickets on sale

Raffle tickets for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary's Annual Spring Card Party, which will be held on Monday, April 17, may now be purchased in the hospital lobby.

The raffle tickets, which cost \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets, may also be purchased from any General Hospital auxiliary.

The drawing for \$1,000 in cash, \$500 in cash and two tickets to New York City to see the award-winning Broadway show, "Les Miserables," will be held at the card party.

Pictured, from left, are General Hospital auxiliaries at the raffle ticket sales table, seated: Janet Shaskas, raffle ticket chairman; Allison Maier, Spring Card Party co-chairman, Dallas. Standing, Joseph Cutler, door prizes co-chairman, Kingston; Susan Demidovich, Spring Card Party chairman, Shavertown.

Owens selected for U.S. Army Command College

Major Harry Owens Jr., Lewisburg, was selected to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Owens is executive officer and commandant of cadets with Bucknell University's ROTC Instructor Group.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens, 210 Maple St., Trucksville.

Prior to entering active duty in the Army as a cavalry officer in 1976, Owens received bachelor's and master's degrees from Scranton University. While assigned in Michigan, he received a law degree from the University of Detroit and recently passed the Pennsylvania Bar Exam.

Only about 14 percent of those considered were selected for the



Major Harry Owens, Jr.

course, which prepares officers for command and staff positions at senior levels in the Army.

In our service

John T. Kelley, son of John P. and Mary N. Kelley of 53 Staub Road, Trucksville, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Kelley is a medical administration specialist with the 39th Tactical Group Hospital in Turkey.

He is a 1983 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston.

Pvt. Jonathan Mitchell, son of Robert G. and Dorothy A. Mitchell of RD 1, Dallas, has graduated from the U.S. Army armor cavalry scout course at Fort Knox, Ky.

Known as the "eyes and ears" of the unit, scouts observe and learn as much as they can about a tactical situation and then report their findings to their commander.

He is a 1988 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Marine Pfc. Charles E. Leaf, son of Frederic K. and Theresa N. Leaf of 53 Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course.

During the eight-week course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Leaf was provided with the basic skills and knowledge required to perform as an administrative clerk.

He received instruction on typing and preparation of naval correspondence, and was introduced to the basic office functions performed by all Marine Corps administrative sections.

A 1988 graduate of Dallas Senior High School, Dallas, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1988.

Bradford W. Hontz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hontz, of Sweet Valley, enlisted in the United States Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program recently, according to SSgt. Russ Garis, Air Force Recruiter for the Wilkes-Barre area.

Brad, a 1984 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on May 10. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six week basic training course, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a Computer Systems Operator.

Brad will be earning credits toward an Associate Degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Paul A. Bednar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bednar of 51 Gordon Avenue, Dallas, enlisted in the United States Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program recently, according to SSgt. Dave Filchak, Air Force Recruiter for the Dallas area.

Paul, a senior at Dallas High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on January 4, 1990. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six week basic training course, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Mechanical Aptitude Area.

Paul will be earning credits toward an Associate Degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.



LEHMAN-JACKSON SPELLERS - from left, Starr Andrews, Mrs. Cortegerojne, Jessica Oplinger

Starr Andrews wins spelling bee at Lehman-Jackson

By TIFFANY ROESE
6th Grade Student
Lehman-Jackson Elementary School

Lehman-Jackson Elementary School held its annual Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee on Friday, March 3. It was organized by Mrs. Catherine Cortegerojne, a sixth grade teacher. Classmates, parents and teachers filled the auditorium at 8:30 a.m. to watch the competition.

By the ninth round there were only four people remaining of the 45 participants and the room was full of tension.

Soon only Starr Andrews and

Jessica Oplinger were left.

In the final round Jessica misspelled "genetic". Starr emerged the winner as she correctly spelled "genetic" along with the winning word "delicious."

She stood on the stage teary-eyed in disbelief as she received the applause of the audience.

Starr, the daughter of Gail and Russ Andrews of Sweet Valley, said that she was very scared and excited.

Runner-up, Jessica Oplinger is the daughter of David and Diane Oplinger of Hunlock Creek and was very happy for her friend, Starr.

Dallas Township High School planning 50th reunion June 2

The Class of 1939 of the Dallas Township High School is having a 50th Reunion on June 2, 1989 at the Castle Inn. The time is 6 to 7 p.m., getting reacquainted; 7 p.m. family style dinner.

We are inviting any teachers, friends, anyone who were class-

mates during the 12 years.

The price of the family style dinner is \$20.00 per person.

If you have any school pictures bring them.

Reservations and check should be in by April 2, to Edwin Lumley, RD 6, Box 107, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

Pat Peiffer seeks Dallas Borough Council seat

Patricia L. Peiffer of Sterling Avenue has announced her candidacy for the Dallas Borough Council. "Dallas residents deserve more of a voice in the growth and development of the Borough. I strongly believe that more attention to the quality of services is vital to our future," she stated as reasons for running.

A life-long resident of Dallas, Ms. Peiffer works as a Reading Supervisor in the Lake-Lehman School District. Her duties include managing state and federal remedial education programs. She was formerly the Treasurer of the Dallas Junior Women's Club, a charter member of the Lake-Noxen PTA, and currently belongs to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church choir. She travels extensively and toured

Europe and China.

Ms. Peiffer is the daughter of Harry Peiffer, a retired plumber who operated his business in Dallas for 25 years, and Dorothy I. Peiffer who taught at the Dallas High School for 16 years. Her family also includes brothers Jim and Bill and her sister Nan.

She graduated from Dallas High School in 1966, and holds a B.S. from Mansfield University and a M.S. from the University of Scranton. She enjoys cooking, sewing and photography.

"I believe that I am an excellent candidate for Council and I am excited about the prospect of serving the citizens of Dallas Borough," Ms. Peiffer said in a release announcing her candidacy.



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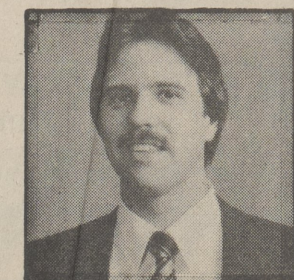
ANNOUNCING OUR NEW OFFICE

Stanley A. Lobitz, M.D. and Michael F. Lombard, M.D. are now accepting patients at their new office located at 155 East Bennett Street, Kingston. Their practice consists of family medicine including pediatric, adolescent, and adult patients.

Drs. Lobitz and Lombard are both graduates of Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, and Hahnemann University, Philadelphia.



MICHAEL F. LOMBARD, M.D.



STANLEY A. LOBITZ, M.D.

They completed postgraduate training at the Wyoming Valley Family Practice Residency and have been employed at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Emergency Room for the last four years.

Dr. Lobitz is originally from Drums, Pa. and currently resides in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Lombard, originally from Athens, Pa., now resides in Buck Township with his wife Lisa, and sons Peter and Alexander.

Their practice is by appointment and can be reached for scheduling or in the case of an emergency by calling 283-5611.

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