



VOLUNTEER TEAM - Lois DeGennaro, right, and her daughter, Marilyn Millington, have been volunteering together at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital since 1987.

Back Mountain mother, daughter make volunteer "team" at General

Editor's note: This article was contributed by Kay Ann Vanderburg of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital in recognition of National Volunteer Week.

Every Friday morning, Lois DeGennaro and Marilyn Millington can be found at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital delivering newspapers, candy and other necessities to hospital patients and personnel.

They work with three other volunteers on the "hospitality cart" — a cart filled with items from General's Hospitality Shop that the patients are otherwise unable to purchase from their rooms.

What makes this Back Mountain pair even more special is that they are a mother and daughter team who have been volunteering at the hospital since 1987.

"I started volunteering when they needed an extra hand on Friday mornings," recalls Mrs. DeGennaro. "When we needed another volunteer, I asked my daughter, Marilyn, to help out too."

Marilyn, who was already involved in volunteer work for the

Junior League, didn't hesitate to join her mother. "I just coordinate my schedule around volunteering," says Marilyn, who works as a private accountant in her home. "My mom and I really enjoy working with the other volunteers. They are a great bunch of people."

Mrs. DeGennaro and Marilyn are among the more than 600 volunteers who have contributed over 34,000 hours of service to the hospital in the past year. In addition, Marilyn volunteers for the American Cancer Society, King's College and the Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. DeGennaro is also a Eucharistic Minister and elementary religious instructor at her church, Saint Therese's in Shavertown.

"Volunteering is an essential part of my week," said Mrs. DeGennaro. "Not only is it fun but people really appreciate it and I feel good about doing it."

At home, Mrs. DeGennaro takes on her biggest responsibility — raising her family. She and her physician-husband, Patrick, director of General's Radiology Department,

have raised four daughters and one son ranging in age from 18-years-old to 26-years-old. Mrs. DeGennaro asserts that caring for her family is her top priority but she always finds the time to help others. "I really enjoy volunteering because I feel like I am making a significant contribution to the hospital community," she adds. "There are so many people who don't have anyone to run an errand for them or just to say 'hello'. By stopping by each room on the hospitality cart we are truly helping these people."

Like her mother, Marilyn will soon be caring for her own family, too. She and her husband, Scott, are expecting their first child any day. But even with all of the excitement over the first DeGennaro grandchild, Mrs. DeGennaro and Marilyn plan to volunteer each week. "Volunteering is very important service to General Hospital," says Mrs. DeGennaro. "It is a great way to spend a few hours each week. We have fun, but most importantly we are helping people. And they really appreciate it."

Police report

DALLAS TOWNSHIP ITEMS STOLEN FROM WHITE BIRCH HOME

Dallas Township Patrolman John Appel investigated a theft April 17 at White Birch Trailer Park, Dallas, at the home of Wilford Lyons.

Lyons said he was in the hospital from March 28 to April 8 and when his daughters checked on his trailer, they discovered that household items were taken from the trailer valued at \$2,542, prior to their father returning home.

TREES TAKEN FROM RAVE'S NURSERY

Bruce Ontz, foreman, for Rave's Nursery, at Eddinger Hill, reported April 17, that sometime over the weekend 15 trees, value unknown at the time, were taken

from the property. Patrolman John Appel is continuing the investigation.

DALLAS BOROUGH CYCLIST STRUCK BY CAR ON ROUTE 309

Patrolman James J. Drury reported that on April 17, Josephine Drobish of Tunkhannock was traveling north on Route 309 and as she was passing Dallas Village Shopping Center, her car struck a bicyclist who was crossing Rte. 309.

Drobish said she saw a shadow and slammed on her brakes but saw a woman land on her car then fall off. The cyclist, Donna Morgan of Kingston, was removed to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital for treatment by the Dallas Ambulance. She was cited in violation of a vehicle entering or crossing the highway.

DUI ARREST AFTER DISTURBANCE

Dallas Patrolmen James Drury and William Norris answered a call, April 15, at 10:01 p.m., to investigate a fight in the parking lot of Rollaway Skating Rink.

Police saw the car leaving the parking lot and Patrolman Norris yelled to the defendants to stop. The driver did not stop and started south on Route 415. The patrolmen chased them in a cruiser and stopped them near Native Textiles.

Driver of the car was Joseph Patts of Wilkes-Barre, accompanied by a passenger, William Watkins, RD 3, Dallas.

Patts was charged with driving under the influence and Watkins was charged with possession, transportation, consumption and purchase of malt or brewed beverage.

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Limits are placed on the length of cul-de-sac, or dead end streets, because of the difficulty emergency vehicles might have getting out of them, since they would have to back out or turn around to do so.

Fisher responded to the board's complaints and to Price's recommendation that Salavantis post a bond on completion of the road by saying that he would do so if the board would guarantee that needed permits would be granted by the township and Department of Environmental Resources. Those are needed because the proposed through road crosses wetland areas. But Fisher said all the conditions were inappropriate at this time, and should be addressed when Salavantis applies for final approval of his plans for Phase IV.

"We're willing to post a bond for this phase," Fisher said. "If you want Harry to go under, you're guaranteeing it right now." Fisher said that any delay could jeopardize the project, since lots would not be ready for the prime sales season in spring and summer.

After about 10 minutes of discussion, Price agreed to move that preliminary approval for Phase IV be granted, subject to the conditions recommended by the planning commission. The motion carried unanimously.

After the meeting, Box said that the township's concern is that if Phase V of Crane's Landing is not completed, the township would be left with the long cul-de-sac and inadequate runoff protection. As designed, Box said all runoff is to be directed to a detention pond that is part of Phase V of the project. "Phase IV is the easy part," Box commented. "Phase V is more extensive and costly."

Contacted at his office in the Luzerne County Courthouse Annex, Adrian Merolli, Luzerne County planner, said he thought approval for a road through the wetland area would be difficult to attain.

Salavantis said Phase IV of Cranes Landing would contain 10 lots on 12 1/2 acres of land. Presently, there are 14-16 developed lots in the earlier phases of the project. Salavantis offered that he intends to increase the size of the

existing pond on the property, which will become the storm water detention pond once the entire subdivision is completed.

Members of the audience joined in the second discussion revolving around a developer's responsibilities, when the board voted to authorize the township's solicitor to take legal action against Alfred Tamanini, Sr., the builder of Sunrise Estates, off Carverton Road. (See separate story in this issue). While the board has been most concerned about Tamanini's connection of a water line between Phase I and Phase II of the project, residents have other concerns, as well. Ray Metzgar, who owns property adjacent to Sunrise Estates, was upset by Tamanini's failure to properly reinforce the sides of a stream that carries runoff from the development. The stream runs through Metzgar's land.

"I've had 12 years of aggravation and flooding with Tamanini," Metzgar said. "He put a ditch in when I wasn't around. What kind of problems am I going to have now? I have nothing but trouble with that man, but no one seems to do anything," he continued.

"We're going to shut Mr. Tamanini down," responded Price. "Until these issues get resolved, he's going to be shut down." Price was referring to the township's plan to file court action against the developer.

The board voted unanimously to authorize the solicitor to take action.

Janet Phillips, Laurel Lane, Trucksville, said she had observed that the stream has been washing out and is starting to erode a sewer manhole near Carverton Road. "You have a real problem with water that's going down these streams," she said.

The Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department has notified the township that it will be closing a bridge on Harris Hill Road during the last two weeks in May to repair a retaining wall. The county said there are no structural problems with the bridge, but a retaining wall nearby is falling. Detours will be set up while the bridge is closed.

Residents of the Bunker Hill section again turned out to air their contention that John Brdaric, Jr. is creating a dangerous

situation by having large trucks filled with debris driving on Dug Road. Bill Ringenbach, spokesman for a citizen's group opposed to Brdaric's plan to use part of his property for a landfill, claimed that trucks are overloaded. But township police chief Paul Sabol explained that the access road to Brdaric's land in Luzerne, and his department was powerless there. Sabol said that residents of Bunker Hill called, he would investigate any complaints.

In other business, the board:

- Opened bids for road materials for the cooperative purchase plan with other Back Mountain municipalities, and referred them to Box for tabulation.
- Accepted a bid of \$525 per waste container for 25 containers to be used in the spring cleanup.
- Approved May 8-13 as spring cleanup days.
- Approved the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the police pension plan.
- Accepted the planning commission's recommendation to approve the final plan for the Isaac's subdivision contingent upon DER approval.
- Approved the first reading of an ordinance that would accept the roads in the Cedar Lane subdivision.
- Authorized the manager to advertise for bids to improve drainage and resurface Center Street and Franklin Street.
- Accepted the planning commission's recommendation to approve Scott Parkhurst's request for a conditional use to remodel and existing apartment at 101 Shaver Avenue.
- Accepted the planning commission's recommendation to approve Patick Deet's request to relocate a driveway.
- Authorized the manager to rent and buy uniforms for road department personnel.
- Appointed Thomas Festa to the planning commission.
- Appointed Jean Pall to the recreation commission.
- Appointed Mark Santayana and David Paulauskas as alternate members of the recreation commission.
- Approved Sunday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m. for spring road inspection.