

Memorial Day 1990—honoring our heroes

Bright-colored blossoms waved gently amid the peaceful silence of the grass covered plots marked by white or gray stones bearing the names of loved ones resting in immortality.

Red geraniums raising proudly from the ground brought to mind the blood shed by the hundreds of men and women, who willingly gave their lives for their country. White blossoms intermingled heralded the peace they fought for, and blue of many shades brought memories of their honorable deaths given so others could live in freedom.

Speakers throughout the area spoke of the freedoms enjoyed by Americans at the expense of those who went before us—freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom from fear and freedom from want, while dozens of young high school students gave up their Memorial Day morning to pay tribute with patriotic band renditions.

Crowds turned out to watch the parades—larger crowds than

Back Mountain glimpses

by Charlot M. Denmon

usual—and many more marched in the Memorial parades; Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, Vietnam veterans, Legionnaires, Legion Auxiliary, municipal officials and many more.

A new spirit filled the air this Memorial Day, the day set aside to honor our country's men and women who have given their lives over the past 200 years of history to keep America free. An excitement fills the air as young and old rekindle the hope that peace will spread across the world.

Perhaps it is the recent break for freedom in East Germany, Lithuania, and other countries of Eastern Europe which inspires our nation. But while looking toward the future, let us not forget those men and women who sacrificed their lives to guarantee peace in

the future.

Memorial Day has been a day to honor veterans since the time of the Civil War, and since that time it has become a day to honor all Americans, dead or living, who fought to preserve America. The people of today and the future are of the past and to renew our vow to work toward peace for the future.

Let no one forget the meaning of Memorial Day as we plan for the first picnics of the summer, long weekend trips, or another day off from work or school.

Do not let our men and women have given their lives for naught. Government by the people, of the people, for the people, can only exist if each generation works for its survival.

May your Memorial Day have been a happy one.

MADD program fights boating drunk

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol can be just as dangerous as driving a car while drunk—that is the message behind a program this weekend at Harveys Lake.

The Luzerne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is holding a boating awareness day at Harveys Lake on Saturday, June

2. Edna Vivian, a spokesperson for MADD, said the idea behind the event is to show the public the dangers of mixing alcohol and boating.

"The area has had some problems in the past with alcohol on the lakes and boaters drinking while operating a boat," said Vivian. "We want to take the time to educate the public about safe boating. It is just as dangerous to

be operating a boat as it is operating a car when you are drunk," she added.

Vivian said that a number of events are scheduled for the day to show the dangers of alcohol and boating.

Saturday's events will get underway at noon at the Fish Commission Launching Area. Many different groups will take part in the awareness day.



Dinner set to honor Ryans June 8

A dinner in honor of James and Diane Ryan of Penn State Wilkes-Barre is being planned for Friday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodlands An Inn. Dr. Ryan, now Campus Executive Officer, has been appointed Vice President of Continuing Education for Penn State, based at the Penn State University Park Campus. He has served as Wilkes-Barre campus executive officer since 1981. Diane Ryan has served as coordinator of the campus counseling and advising center since 1980. Tickets for the dinner are available by contacting Karen Cox at 675-9265. Emcee for the event will be Tom Robinson, director of Development and former member of the campus Advisory Board. Shown from left are committee members: Pauly Friedman, Madeline Motzki, Tom Robinson and Shirley Fortinsky. Standing from left, Sally Sagenkahn, Karen Cox and Sylvia Hudacek.

Sculptures on exhibit at Misericordia

The minimalist wooden sculptures and abstract drawings of Wilkes-Barre artist Kevin O'Toole will be featured at College Misericordia's MacDonald Art Gallery June 2-24. The exhibition will open with a reception for the artist on Saturday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

The exhibit includes about 30 laminated wood and metal sculptures, and drawings done in oil pastel and graphite. His laminated, rounded forms are combined with sharply defined flat planes which are either plated with metal or painted with enamel.

Exhibition hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Friday, 12-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; closed Monday.



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THE TEMPEST OUTDOORS — Theatre-On-The-Green committee members from Misericordia and the community met recently to discuss this year's production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Seated from left are: Betty McDonald, Gail Smallwood, Marilyn Santarelli, Ola Mea Schoonover. Standing from left, Charles Wasserott, IV; Larree Bailey, Roz Smulowitz, Don Hopkins, Diane Ushinski, committee chair; David Stout, Dr. Regina Kelly, RSM; Linda Stallone, Joyce Krivenko and Frank Conyngnam.

'The Tempest' to be staged outdoors

A perilous storm at sea, treacherous murder plots, and the joy of love at first sight will fill the outdoor stage at College Misericordia July 19-22, in the third annual Theatre-On-The-Green production of William Shakespeare's last play "The Tempest."

Jim Petosa, artistic director of the National Players, producing director of the Olney Theatre in Washington, D.C. and the State Summer Theatre of Maryland, will direct this romantic fantasy which takes place on an enchanted island. The cast will consist of professional actors.

Tickets are \$7 and \$3 and go on

sale June 1. Previous years' performances drew crowds of more than 2,000 to the outdoor event.

Theatre-On-The-Green is made possible through the generosity of corporate and community donors. In addition, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts has awarded Misericordia a grant in support of the project.

Five performances of "The Tempest" have been scheduled, including a free 2 p.m. matinee of excerpts on Saturday, July 21. This matinee will be produced especially for children.

Misericordia also will host a free symposium about the play on Tuesday, July 17. The symposium, led by Misericordia Shakespeare scholar, Dr. Regina Kelly, RSM, will focus on various aspects of the play.

A new feature this year is the Theatre Workshop, open to area high school students grades nine through 12. The Workshop will be held July 16-20 and will give participants first-hand experience with many aspects of theatre and Shakespeare. Enrollment will be limited, and there will be a registration fee of \$25.

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