COMMUNITY

Troop #233 places in swim meet

Boy Scout Troop 233, Shaver-town United Methodist Church, participated in a swim meet recently held at Tunkhannock High School.

Those participating were Patrol Leader Mark Shanaberger, Billy Puchalsky, Jerry Delescavage, Brian Karolchik, Jeffrey Beisel, Harry Hazeltine and Kevin West. The boys placed third in the four stroke relay, first in timed flotation, and fourth place overall. Twelve patrols participated.

The troop is currently working on Fingerprinting Merit Badge, and is gearing up for summer camp and the First Aid meet. Scoutmaster is Al Karolchik, assistant scoutmaster is Barry West.

Adult high school degree program now registering

High school drop outs may now register for the second semester of the Adult Literacy GED Program conducted Monday through Friday at the Daniel J. Flood Skills Center, 53 Blackman Street, Wilkes-Barre.

There is no charge for eligible students. Course work and testing may be accomplished in as little time as two weeks.

Students completing the instructional phase and passing the on-site administered test, receive their G.E.D. (high school equiva-lency diploma) from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

For information call G.E.D. 822-1101 extension 243 or visit the facility. Beat the winter blues by bettering yourself. Do it now.

Contra dance scheduled for February 9

Singles, couples, beginners, young and old, all are welcome at the New England Contra Dance presented monthly by the Folklore Society of Northeastern PA and The Chicory House of Wilkes-Barre.

This month, New York State caller Bill Chapp will preside. The music will be provided by the Celtic and old-time trio, The Cadgers. All dances will be taught.

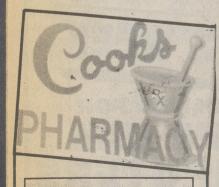
Dancers should wear soft-soled shoes and casual dress. The dance will be held Saturday evening, February 9, in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, South Franklin Street at Northampton, in downtown Wilkes-Barre, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Beginners may arrive at 7:00 for a walk through of calls and a general introduction.

Admission is \$5.00 per adult, \$2.50 for seniors and children age 10 to 16, or \$10.00 per family. For more information, the public may contact David Martin of the Folklore Society at (717) 333-4007.

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Yum-Yum! Girls Scout cookies and ice cream

Girl Scout Cookie lovers are in for a new taste treat - Hillside Farms Girl Scout Cookie Ice Cream. And it is available right now at the Hillside Farms Dairy Store and Boscov's. You can take a half gallon home, or have a cone right there. Girls Scouts will set up a booth at the Dairy Store on February 23 and 24 to sell cookies to enjoy with the ice cream. The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is the only community appeal for funds to support the Girl Scout program. Some of the profits benefit the troops directly, while the rest support the total program of the Council. Don't forget that Girl Scout cookies have a very short season. They will only be available until March 16 and that's true for the ice cream too. Shown above, from left, are Brownie Girl Scouts Rachel Harrison, Rachel Farley, Rachel McCoog and Amanda Estus from Troop 640, Lehman, who came to the Dairy to help unwrap Thin Mint Cookies to be mixed into Vanilla Ice Cream to make this new delight. Donna Shaw is the leader of this troop.



Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary bakes at PG&W

The Shavertown Branch of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary recently baked cookies at PG&W in Wilkes-Barre. Branch members later sold the cookies at a bake sale at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital to employees and visitors. Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Auxilliary is divided into seven branches and is comprised of over 350 individuals. These dedicated people volunteer their time to raise funds for the hospital. Pictured in the kitchen from left are Sally Sieber, Shavertown; Ann Covert, Shavertown; Ruth Shotwell, Shavertown; Pauline Clewell, Trucksville; Arline Stroud, Trucksville; Mary Reese, Dallas; Evelyn Eck, Shavertown; Evelyn Shales, Wyoming; Marion Kunigonis, Dallas; and Ruth Maomo, Marketing Representative for PG&W.

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Back Mountain Jaycees observe Jaycee Week

The Back Mountain Jaycees observed Jaycee Week, January 20 through January 26, with a Family Bowling Night held at the Back Mountain Bowling Lanes,

Also, as part of Jaycee Week and in keeping with the Jaycee mission of serving the community, Back Mountain Jaycee members Bill McCabe, Maryann Ulichney and Shawn Harris served as judges for the Back Mountain Boy Scouts Pine Wood Derby.

The Back Mountain Jaycees are a community oriented leadership training organization open to men and women from 21 to 40 years of age. Further information can be obtained by contacting any Jaycee or Membership Vice President Bill McCabe at 288-4884.

The Back Mountain Jaycees will hold their monthly general membership meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Pizza Perfect, Carverton Road, Trucksville, at 8 p.m.

Women's Club completes yellow ribbon project

GFWC/PFWCThe Harveys Lake Women's Service Club recently completed a "Tie a Yellow Ribbon around Harveys Lake" project. Mrs. Susan McCartney and Mrs. Beverly Vespico made over 80 yellow bows to display around to show support for the service men and women stationed overseas.

Mrs. McCartney explained her interest in the project was personal. "My brother is Chief Medical Technologist, Robert Rinehammer on board the USS Phillipines Seas in the Persian Gulf. His duties include the set-up of naval hospitals on board ships. He has a newborn son, Christopher who he hasn't seen yet. His wife, Judy and son, Jonathan, age 10 and our entire family look forward to his quick and safe return to the U.S."

Terry Jones and the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority assisted the club by hanging the bows around the lake. Mrs. Vespico said, "We wish to thank the authority and Jones for making this project a success. We encourage homeowners throughout the Harveys Lake community to display yellow military people.



HANGING A RIBBON - Pictured from left, Mrs. Beverly Vespico and Mrs. Susan McCartney.

ribbons and bows and pray for the safe and speedy return of all our

Back Mountain briefs

Selinsky poem featured in national magazine

"Bits and Pieces", a poem by Shavertown resident, Deloris Selinsky is featured in the current issue of Ghost Town Quarterly magazine. Selinsky, a well-known and popular poet, also had three poetry chapbooks published in 1990.

Published in Phillipsburg, Montana, the Ghost Town Quarterly is distributed throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Trucksvill Fire Co. to install officers Feb. 23

The Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual installation dinner on February 23. The dinner will be held at the Castle Inn in Dallas from 6-9 p.m. For reservations call the fire hall any Tuesday between 7 and 9 p.m. (696-1871). Reservations must be made by February 12. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The following is a list of officers to be installed: President, Michael Balonis; Vice President, Thomas Schmidle; Recording Secretary-James Jolley; Treasurer, Roy Fulkerson; Membership Secretary, Ralph Schwartz; Trustee, Chuck Woolbert; Chief, Gerald Kapral; First Assistant, Brian Johnson; Second Assistant, David Mathers; Third Assistant, Jeff Hockenberry; Captain, James Jolley; Lieutenant, Ralph

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