

COMMUNITY

Balogas celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Al J. Baloga of New Goss Manor observed their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They were married on February 9, 1952 in St. Mary's RC Church, Kingston, by the late Rev. Vito Zemaitis.

Mrs. Baloga is the former Marion M. Grozalis of Beaumont and Swoyersville.

They are the parents of five children: Mrs. Michael (Rebecca) Caffrey, Easton; Mrs. Scott (Virginia) Godleski, Somers Pt., NJ; Mark A. Baloga, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mrs. Kevin (Valerie) Smith, Dallas; Bert A. Baloga, Stratford, NJ.

They have seven grandchildren: Mary, Kristin, Samantha, Timothy and Amanda Godleski; Michael and Marnie Caffrey.

Baloga is retired from federal military and civilian service. Mrs. Baloga is a retired homemaker. Both are now involved in volunteer community activities.

Rose Brader Award nominations due by Feb. 20

A volunteer panel of judges representing United Way of Wyoming Valley's 1992 Rose Brader Community Service Award has established February 20, 1992 as the deadline for nominations. The committee is encouraging organizations and individuals to nominate local residents who render valuable service to others throughout the Greater Wyoming Valley area.

Under criteria established for the award, the nominee's provision of service could have been rendered to an individual in need, an organization or a certain segment of the community. Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the United Way office at 9 E. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, or by calling 829-6711. The award recipient will be honored at United Way's Awards Dinner scheduled for March 18, 1992.

Hospice Saint John will offer volunteer training starting Feb. 18

Hospice Saint John, a division of Lutheran Welfare Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania, will present a six-week training program for hospice volunteers from the Wilkes-Barre area.

The program will be held at the Wilkes-Barre office of Hospice Saint John, 665 Carey Avenue, from 7-9 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays, beginning February 18 and concluding March 24. The course consists of 12 hours of extensive training using lecture, sharing and video.

Hospice Saint John is a 13-year-old program that provides comprehensive care for terminally ill patients and their families at home. Hospice care includes pain relieving medical care, social services, spiritual care, emotional support and bereavement care for the families.

After hospice training, some volunteers choose to work directly with patients. A patient care volunteer may do such things as sit with a patient for brief periods, grocery shop for the family, fix a meal, provide transportation, read to a patient, or perhaps just listen. The patient care volunteer does anything for a patient that a good friend or neighbor would do.

Volunteers can also assist Hospital Saint John in fund raising projects, office work, clerical support, and other special services.

The training classes will be conducted by Rev. Bob Thomas, Chaplain and Volunteer Coordination Manager for Hospice Saint John, along with other Hospice staff members. More information may be obtained by calling Mary Delaney at 823-2114.



MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS SAUERS

Caroline Savakinus weds Francis Sauers

Miss Caroline M. Savakinus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Savakinus of Shavertown and Francis D. Sauers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sauers of Clifton, New Jersey were recently united in marriage in St. Ann's Church, Luzerne.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Monsignor Frank Yashkas, Pastor Emeritus of St. Ann's. Concelebrant was Rev. Paul Gerosky.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and mother. Kathy Yamrus, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Sauers, sister of the groom and Joanne Biehm.

Raymond Sauers, Jr., served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Anthony George and Richard Drees.

A cocktail and evening reception was held at The Barn at Newberry Estates.

The bride was feted at a shower given by her mother and the groom's mother and the attendants at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. A rehearsal dinner was held at the Kozy K by the groom's parents.

The bride wore an antique wedding gown which was originally worn by her maternal grandmother, Helen Kuchemba. Paternal grandmother is Agnes Savakinus of Luzerne.

The groom is the grandson of Phyllis Nye, Wilkes-Barre and Ann Bobby, Clifton, NJ.

Mrs. Sauers graduated from Dallas High School and Luzerne County Community College.

Mr. Sauers received a bachelor of science in chemical engineering and a masters degree in finance from Steven Institute of Technology. He is currently employed as a Senior Project Engineer by Becton and Dickinson, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

Following an extended honeymoon trip to New Zealand and Australia, the couple will reside in Wayne, New Jersey.



KIMBERLY ANN WEIDNER AND KEVIN CARPENTER

Kimberly Ann Weidner to marry Kevin Carpenter

Donald and Shirley Weidner of Lehman announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann to Kevin Charles Carpenter, son of Charlene Day, Nichols, NY and Dale Carpenter, Charlotte, NC.

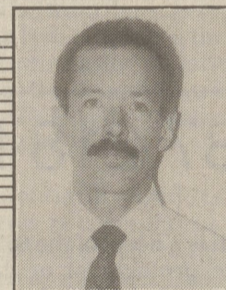
Miss Weidner is a 1987 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and a 1991 graduate of Wilkes University, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology. She is currently pursuing her masters degree in physical therapy at Temple University, Philadelphia.

Miss Weidner is the granddaughter of the late Earl and Mildred Weidner, Dallas and the late Harry and Margaret Fox, Burbank, California.

Carpenter is a 1985 graduate of Owego Free Academy, Owego, NY, and a 1990 graduate of Penn State University, where he earned a dual degree in Biomedical Equipment and Electrical Engineering Technology. He is currently employed as a certified senior biomedical equipment technician at the Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia.

Carpenter is the grandson of Shirley Eastridge, Florida, the late Rex Sackett, Susquehanna and Mabel and the late Edgar Carpenter, Susquehanna.

The couple will exchange vows in July.



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