



**LEARNING ABOUT THE LORAX** - Brownie Troop 606 listens as Marjorie Pratt reads *The Lorax*, a Dr. Seuss story about an endangered species. Troop members include, first row from left: Kalyca Stransky, Jessica Eamello and Shannon Moore; back row from left: Mrs. Pratt, Joy Emmett, Bianca Saucedo, Jan Emmett, Andrea Steele and Senior Scout Kelly Freeman. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

**Girl Scouts**

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whose forest home is endangered by people who want to cut the trees down to expand a "Thread" factory.

Juniors found a practical use for junk mail by making it into recycled paper, overcame squeamishness as they used a "yucky" dead fish to make printed neckerchiefs and expanded their knowledge of recycling in informative discussions with Tom Bagley of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority.

The 30 activities (10 each for the

three different age levels) and refreshment tables were manned by parents, friends or Cadette Scout troops.

Kelly and Michelle took four months to plan and organize the event, which completed the many requirements for their Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest achievement. Kelly explained that the Gold Award is the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' Eagle rank.

After the day's strenuous work of keeping the many girls and events moving and dealing with

minor unforeseen situations, both girls relaxed for a well-earned break. Two tired faces slowly melted into grins as Kelly and Michelle realized, "We did it!"

In keeping with the environmental theme of the event, Irene Thomas of Loyalville was honored with a "Woman of Distinction" award for her work in helping establish Lake Township's voluntary recycling program.

Thomas was a former Girl Scout and Girl Scout leader.

**Local Scouts visit nation's capital**

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Senior Girl Scouts Heather Adams of Trucksville and Kelly Freeman of Dallas Township represented the Back Mountain at a celebration of Girl Scouting's 80th birthday in Washington, D.C., Thursday, March 12.

Kelly was chosen to lead the thousands of young women from all across the United States in the Girl Scout Promise during the event's opening ceremony.

"When my Mom told me that I'd lead the Promise, I thought that she was kidding," Kelly laughed. "Of course I was very nervous."

Heather and Kelly left Wilkes-Barre with 33 other Girl Scouts

and six adults from Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council shortly after 4 a.m. for the day-long bus trip to Washington and back.

While in the nation's capital, they visited the Air and Space Museum and the Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution, and attended a special luncheon with First Lady Barbara Bush at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"I was very honored to have been chosen to attend," Heather commented. "It was great to meet Scouts from so many different places. And I saw Judy Garland's ruby slippers from *The Wizard of Oz* and the *Spirit of St. Louis* airplane flown by Charles Lindbergh!" Both young women have com-

pleted eleven years of Scouting and have earned its highest honor, the Gold Award. They encouraged other girls to stay in Scouting because it provides many challenges and opportunities.

"I've learned a lot in Scouting and have done many interesting activities," Heather said. "And I have found that colleges and prospective employers really respect our Scouting achievements."

"If you like challenges and adventure, stay with Scouting," Kelly added. "My future plans include working with Girl Scouts as a leader or in some other capacity, to help make it as fun and as challenging for the younger girls as it has been for me. I'll be with Scouting until the day I die!"

**Donna Cupinski seeks PA Jaycee slot**

By ERIC FOSTER  
Post Staff

When it comes to Jaycees, Donna Cupinski is no newcomer to being first.

She was one of the first women to join the Jaycees in 1985, after the service organization began admitting women in 1984.

She was the Back Mountain Jaycees first woman president in 1987 and 1988.

Now, Cupinski, 26, of Dallas, is running unopposed for membership vice president of the state Jaycees. Though the Pennsylvania Jaycees have had women vice presidents, Cupinski would be the first woman membership vice president. Election for the state offices will be held in May. Before being elected state vice president, a member must serve as a district or regional director. Cupinski has done both, and has served as special assistant to the state Jaycee president.

"We affectionately call it the people vice president," said Cupinski.

The Jaycees, also called the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is a national service organization that helps people between the ages of 21 and 39 develop their leadership skills through working in community service.

Part of the Jaycees philosophy is to recognize its members for the work they do by having a very strong awards program. Jaycee chapters receive points for the projects they do. As special assistant to the president, Cupinski's job was to add up all of the points the chapters received so the top three regions could be recognized.

"I've been a member for seven years. I jumped in in November of 1985," said Cupinski. "I was with a group of four or five other women."

Cupinski became interested in joining the Jaycees after she heard about the shopping spree the group runs for underprivileged children during the Christmas holiday.

"The funny thing was I was sold from what they told me," said Cupinski, but "it took a little while for me to get a little active. The first meeting, I didn't want to go to. I did end up going to the meeting thanks to Craig Tupper and Bob Kelly. They kind of took me under their wing and made me active whether I wanted to or not."

Five months later she became community development vice president of the Back Mountain Chapter.

The race was contested, and on the night of the vote, it was tied 8 to 8. The vote was retaken, during which time a member walked in and broke the tie. Cupinski had called the members asking for their



DONNA CUPINSKI

votes, and that was what decided the ninth voter.

"The unique thing about our organization, the age group is between 21 and 40," said Cupinski, who is art director for Bokar and Llewellyn Printing. "Everybody is juggling schedules and trying to make time for the service work."

Because of that, Cupinski said that there are no strict rules requiring attendance.

"The Jaycees are all about leadership training. Our purpose is to promote leadership training through community service," said Cupinski. "We encourage each member to lead a project. You don't want the same people running the same projects time after time."

Cupinski's most memorable project with the Jaycees was working at the Luzerne County Fair in 1986.

"That was the year that it rained all but one day of the fair and before the fair," said Cupinski. "Not only was it a learning experience for the fair, but for us." The Jaycees raised only \$14 that year.

Cupinski's involvement with the fair has been extensive. She was secretary and print advertising chair of the fair since 1986, and was general co-chairman for the 1991 fair.

Her responsibilities have included coordinating the printing of the placemats the fair uses for promotion, and the Premium Guide, which has been rated the best Premium Guide in the state for several years. "My involvement

in the fair started through the Jaycees. I could probably be involved in every service organization, but I limit myself to those two because I don't want to say I'm a member of something just to say I'm a member," said Cupinski.

Some other Jaycee projects include a recent golf tournament held to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. At Christmas time, they still hold the shopping spree for underprivileged children and visit the Meadows Nursing Home. On Valentines Day, they delivered a rose to each resident of the Meadows Nursing Home.

The group will help with the upcoming March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon and will also start a reading program in which individual Jaycees will work with individual children. The Jaycees will also participate in the state's Adopt-A-Highway Program, which recognizes community groups for keeping a designated stretch of road clean.

Because she's unopposed in the state-wide election, Cupinski says it's doubtful that anyone will decide to run against her now.

Her responsibilities as vice president will be to help local chapters attract new members, keep those members, and get them involved with the community. At the quarterly state board meetings, she'll run forums having to do with membership.

"I'll be there for the chapters that wish to call on me," said Cupinski.

**Property transfers**

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from March 2, 1992 to March 6, 1992. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transfers, such as those between family members are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

Estate of Dorothy Rood to John G. Frank, RD 1, Box 337-A, Harveys Lake, property L66, Warden Place, Harveys Lake, \$10,000.

William Hutnick to Wm. Hutnick, PO Box 1224, Titusville, Fla., property 2 parcels, Jackson St., Dallas Boro.

Wm. J. Thede to Wm. J. Thede, 138 Pinecrest Ave., Dallas, property L 24, 25, 26, 27, Dallas Terrace, Dallas Boro.

Frederick K. Leaf to James R. Wisnieski, 53 Harris Hill Rd., Trucksville, property Harris Hill Rd., Kingston Twp., \$98,000.

Willard L. Garey to Mary Beth Brady, Box 15, Lehman, property Lehman Twp.

Lewis E. Naugle to Pikes Creek Sand & Stone Inc., PO Box 330, Sweet Valley, property 16.62 ac., Lehman Twp., \$30,000.

George A. Tucker to Gloria Jean Tucker, 329 Highland Ave., Trucksville, property Highland Ave., Kingston Twp.

Ruth L. Readler to Richard J. Williams Sr., 24 Boston Hill, Plymouth, property Lake Twp., \$15,295.

Paul Savakinas to Paul Savakinas, RD 10, Box 60, Wilkes-Barre, property Baird St., Harveys Lake. Robert A. Taylor to Shirley A. Moku, Box 1193, RR 1, Sweet Valley, property 1) 10 acres; 2) 1.65 ac., Lake Twp.

Thomas Jones to Rosemary Jones, 18 Kimberly Dr., Dallas, property Kimberly Dr., Dallas Twp. Proctor & Gamble Paper Products to Joseph Kluger, 27 Susquehanna Ave., Dallas, prop-

erty Susquehanna Ave., Dallas Boro, \$100,000.

Francis A. Dunham to Carla M. Lynn, RR 1, Box 1520, Nescopeck, Parrish St., Dallas Boro.

Michael T. Rudick to Michael T. Rudick, 218 Highland Ave., Trucksville, property L33, 34, Sec. C, Trucksville Gardens, Kingston Twp.

Helen Backer to Clyde Backer, 1046 N. Memorial Hwy., Dallas, property Wood St., Kingston Twp.

Anthony L. Recupero, Jr. to Thomas R. Swartwood, 35 2nd Ave., Kingston, property Maria Dr., Franklin Twp., \$43,000.

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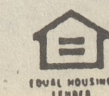
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