

Trucksville UMC will hold shopping trip

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold a shopping trip to Franklin Mills, on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Cost is \$12.50 per person via Murray Motor Coach (no smoking is allowed).
Departure is at 7:30 a.m. from the church parking lot with arrival at 10 a.m. at Franklin Mills. Packages can be dropped off from 2 to 2:30 p.m. at the bus. Departure will be 6 p.m. with arrival at 8:30

p.m. at the church.
Each passenger will receive a shopping bag and a discount coupon booklet. There are two Food Courts located at either end of the mall. A wheelchair can be made available, must be reserved.
A mall directory and coupon booklet are at the church office for your inspection.
Seating will be arranged from front to back as payment is made.

There are only 46 seats available. The trip is open to any serious shopper. Tell your friends.
Each passenger will receive a mall directory to plan your attack when payment is made.
Payments can be made at the church office. Checks should be made payable to Joan Meehan. Any questions call 696-1791.

Electrical Engineering open house July 30 at Penn State

A combined information program and picnic will be held July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Penn State Wilkes-Barre for men and women interested in a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology. The BSEET is the only baccalaureate degree that now can be earned in its entirety at the Wilkes-Barre Campus, and it is designed for working adults who can only attend college part-time.
All the courses are offered in the evenings. To be admitted, a person must already have an associate degree or equivalent in electrical engineering technology, telecom-

munications technology, biomedical equipment technology, or microcomputer technology.
Harold Groff, the engineering faculty member who heads the BSEET program, said average starting salaries for BSEET graduates are around \$30,000 per year. The courses are more "hands on", he said, compared to the electrical engineering degree.
There will be staff and faculty to answer questions at the July 30 information night picnic, including answers about career options. Reservations may be made by calling 675-9238.



JUDY FITCH
Miss PA Judy Fitch reception will be Aug. 2

A Welcome Home Judy reception will be held at The Woodlands, Sunday, Aug. 2, from 2-4 p.m. to honor Judy Fitch, Miss Pennsylvania 1992.
The cost is \$10 per person and everyone is invited to come join in congratulating Judy, our own Back Mountain beauty on her accomplishments.
For more information call 696-2658.

Sonia Kimm is a top scorer on National Educational test

Sonia Kimm, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hyung-Bae Kimm, Shavertown, was among the students named NEDT Award-winners at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston.
Bryan Rutledge, Director of College Guidance at Wyoming Seminary, announced that out of

768 sophomores from the school taking the National Educational Development Test (NEDT), 21 students, or 27% earned Certificates of Educational Development. To do this, they had to score at the 90th percentile or higher nationally, placing them in the top 10% nationwide.



REUNITED AFTER 47 YEARS — John Juris and his wife, Florence, of Dallas recently welcomed Francisco Caluya, whom Juris befriended while serving with the U.S. Army in the Philippine Islands during World War II, when Caluya was 10 years old. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Dallas man reunited with World War II Filipino friend

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

When John Juris of Dallas said good-bye to 10-year-old Francisco Caluya in the Philippine Islands during World War II, neither of them thought that nearly half a century would elapse before they would see each other again.
Caluya, now a United States citizen living on Guam, took three days from business in California to come to the Back Mountain to be reunited with his old friend, whom he last saw 47 years ago. "It's something that I've wanted to do for a long time," Caluya said.
Juris, a member of the Army Engineers' 689 Base Equipment Company, came to Caluya's village near Clark Air Base at Christmas, 1944, after the second Battle of Leyte Gulf, to build the only four-lane military bridge in the world at Quezon, outside of the capital city of Manila.
"I lived in the village of Mayantoc in Tarlac Province, not far from Mount Pinatubo, the volcano that erupted last year," Caluya said.
His home was only 200 feet from the Army's bivouac area on the village green. Although the

G.I.'s shared food with the local children, Caluya was the only child in town to have a G.I. buddy.
Because Mayantoc had a plentiful supply of river gravel needed for construction of the Quezon bridge, the 689th set up a rock crusher near the village and hired Filipino workers to help operate it.
The pair laughed as they reminisced about some of their experiences, which included swimming in the river and dodging bullets from Japanese snipers hidden in the town's post office while building the bridge.
"While the Japanese occupied the Philippines, they made us bow our heads in deference whenever we passed a sentry," Caluya recalled. "If we didn't do it, they slapped us. We were very glad to see the Americans, who came to liberate us, not to oppress."
"We were shocked at the way that the Japanese had treated them. It didn't take long for the Filipinos to learn that we were just a bunch of regular guys," said Juris.
After his Army hitch ended, Juris returned to Dallas, married his wife, Florence, and went to work for the post office. Working from the Main Street Post Office, and later the offices in the

Goeringer Building and its present location on Route 415, Juris delivered mail to RR 3, Dallas, for many years before his retirement 3-1/2 years ago. John and Florence have 3 children and live in Old Goss Manor.
Caluya and his wife, Rogelia, have five children and two homes, one on Guam and the other in Fremont, California. After graduating from college in 1953, he taught math and science in an elementary school while studying to become a civil engineer. He works as a civil engineer for the U.S. Navy on Guam; he is fluent in the Philippine's two official languages, Tagalog and Ilocano, as well as English.
Caluya and Juris have exchanged letters and cards since 1947; Caluya's first letter was simply addressed to "John Juris, Dallas PA." It was delivered to Juris without any problem, since his co-workers at the post office immediately recognized his name.
Because he could stay only three days, Caluya hopes to bring his family to the Back Mountain next year for a longer visit. "This is my first time visiting the East Coast," he said. "It's very beautiful here."



Former Plymouth residents living in the Back Mountain hold party
Former students of the Plymouth High School now living in the Back Mountain held a party at the home of Dan and Mary Plashinski in Kingston Township recently. Shown from left are, first row: Florence Jones, Albert Jones, Lorraine Davis, Dan Plashinski, Vivian Morgan Carpenter, Betty Evans, Dan Evans. Second row: Mary Plashinski, Eddie Davis, Ida Carr, Hope Park, Regina Robaczewski, Grace Seitz and Al Mundy. Not shown is Major General Dick Carr, who arrived shortly after the photo was taken. Carr graduated with the first Air Force Academy graduating class in 1959. He and his wife Jean stopped in Dallas before heading to his new post in Germany where he is Deputy Commander of the 4th Allied Tactical Air Forces. Also absent from the photo are Al and Dottie Myers and Jerry Fonzo.

King's names scholarship for Richard Maslow

King's College has named a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship in honor of Richard Maslow, of Dallas.
Maslow is chairman and chief executive officer of InterMetro Industries Corporation, a manufacturer of metal storage and

material handling products for food service, health care and commercial and household products. A member of the board of trustees at Wilkes College from 1987 to 1988, Maslow was appointed by Governor Robert Casey as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Part-

nership. A member of King's President's Society, he is active with Wyoming Seminary, College Misericordia, and the American Cancer Society.
The scholarship recipient is Lisa Nobile, a freshman international business major from Exeter.

Back Mountain Briefs

Jackson UMC flea market will be Aug. 8

Flea Market of the Jackson United Methodist Church, Smith Pond Road, Jackson Township will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8, all day.

42nd annual Roushey family reunion held

The 42nd annual Peter B. Roushey Reunion was held July 18, at Hinton Park, Benton. Lunch was at noon followed by a business meeting by Hazel Garris. An Auction for children and grown ups was led by Ann McCay. Games and bingo were played.
Present were Hazel Garris, Mitchell Timothy Long, Nancy Garris, Shawn and Howard, Pearl Walton, Matilda Croom, Kenneth Roushey, Freida and Stanley Serflynn, Edna Long, Sue and Bill and Billy Davis, Chick, Jan, Charlie Brian Davis, Julia Davis, Ann and Larry McCay and Patrick, Pauline and George Roushey, Bill and Wanda Roushey and Benjamin and Phillip.

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