

Square dance will aid Turchin family

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Friends of Eddie Turchin will have the opportunity to dance away the winter blues while raising money to help the family at a square dance, scheduled for Friday, January 8, 1993, at College Misericordia's Merrick Hall.

Tickets to the dance, which will run from 8:30 p.m. until midnight, are \$10 per person, with all proceeds earmarked for the Eddie Turchin fund.

Featuring veteran square dance caller Joseph "Red" Jones, the benefit will also include polkas and other types of dancing.

"We might even try the 'Achey-Breaky,' just for fun," Jones joked.

Jones scheduled the dance to benefit family friends Bonnie and

Ed Turchin of Jackson Township, whose 18-year-old son, Eddie, has been recovering in a Philadelphia hospital from brain surgery and serious complications since October 1.

Although Eddie still can't speak, his mother, Bonnie, has told Jones that Eddie is now able to brush his teeth and pick out the letters that spell his name from a special letter board.

He was expected to be transferred from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia to John Heinz Rehabilitation Center in Wilkes-Barre Monday, December 28.

Since early October, friends and relatives have joined forces to raise money, estimated by Jones at nearly \$19,000 as of Christmas Eve, to help ease the family's

financial burden by taking up collections and holding candy and bake sales, an aerobics workout and several special suppers.

"The fundraisers have made it possible for the family to stay by Eddie's side," Jones said.

Since the Turchins still face many expenses not covered by medical insurance, more fundraisers are in the works.

In addition to the January 8 square dance, students and the Campus Ministry at College Misericordia plan to "Storm the Dorms" selling candy after Christmas vacation.

A "Rockin' Lock-In" at Lake-Lehman High School, postponed from Saturday, December 12 due to the weather, is expected to be rescheduled after Christmas vacation.



"LES TROI MOUSQUETAIRES" - Gate of Heaven seventh-graders who recently participated in a program of French music and skits included the cast of "The Three Musketeers." front row from left: Kristen Bednarek, Alma DeRojas, Daniel Son and Michael Charney; second row from left: Aaron O'Neil, Christopher Suhocki, Derek Heppding, Matther Koch and Robert Harvey. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)



Hayfield Society members honored

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus honored the select group of members of the Hayfield Society with a special gala dinner recently at Hayfield House on the campus in Lehman.

The Hayfield Society is an informal association of individuals and corporate representatives who make an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus during the 12 month period. Their generosity enhances academic programs, provides scholarships to deserving students and addresses other critical needs of the campus.

At the Hayfield Society dinner, the beautiful living room of Hayfield House was decorated with giant mums, pine cones, grapevine wreaths and table linens in burgundy, blue, hunter green and golden brown.

Shown seated, from left, Shirley Fortinsky and Jean Banks. Standing: Tom Robinson, development director, Bob Fortinsky, Chuck and Bobbie Steever, Bob Post and Jack Banks.

Dingle elected to group's board

Erik Dingle, Esq., Trucksville, was recently elected first vice chairperson of the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania. Named to a second three-year term, he will lead the long range planning committee.

Past board chairperson Richard R. Mebane was selected to head the nominating committee.

Other area residents on the board are Kathryn O'Neill, Wilkes-Barre, and Linda Mascetti, Ph.D., Drums, immediate past president.

Township seeks new zone officer

The Jackson Township supervisors appointed Andrew Soltis as interim zoning officer at their regular work session Monday, December 28, until a permanent appointment is made to replace the late Robert Culp.

The supervisors authorized secretary Henry Zbiek to advertise for a zoning officer and building inspector.

The applicant will be expected to keep regular office hours of four hours a day and should have a background in the building industry. Salary will be \$400 per month, the supervisors said.

Interested applicants should send their resumes to Zbiek at the township municipal building, 2211 Huntsville Road, Shavertown, PA 18708.

In other business, the low bid of \$20,866 for insurance was awarded to Perma Insurance, Inc.

The supervisors asked Ed Chesnovich to prepare information on employee retirement plans to be presented at the February work session.

Gay Paree comes to Gate of Heaven

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Gate of Heaven students, parents and friends were treated to a program of French culture December 15 as part of a new French class offered to grades six through eight.

Seventh-graders Maureen Paley, Kathleen O'Brien, Katie Mahoney and Matthew Koch wrote their own play, "Paris, La Terre Romantique" (Paris, the Romanceland), which recreated the atmospheres of a French home, cafe and Boutique (shop).

Starring Katie Harkins, Katie Mahoney, Joseph Bradbury and

William Kingsbury, the play featured a surprise ending as the two couples become engaged at a special dinner at a cafe.

Other plays included the seventh-graders' version of "The Three Musketeers," and performances by the eighth-graders of a French fable of "The Two Goats," and two Christmas plays, "A Christmas Gift for Mother" and "La Nuit Avant Noel" ("The Night Before Christmas.") Several French songs and the Can-Can dance rounded out the evening.

Afterwards, the sixth-graders served refreshments (including quiche and crepes, of course).

French was added to the

curriculum this year for grades six through eight as a pilot program according to French teacher Madame Rosalie Albert.

Sixth- and eighth-graders meet once or twice a week for an introductory course, while seventh-graders are immersed in an intensive study of the language and culture. Seventh-graders will be ready to step right into second-year French when they enter high school.

"They're very excited to be able to speak another language," said Mrs. Albert. "They chatter back and forth in the halls and at home in French and have learned several prayers, which they recite at the beginning of class."

Marcia Matthews promoted at First Eastern Bank

Marcia Matthews has been promoted to assistant cashier at First Eastern Bank according to an announcement by Frederick A. Deal, president and CEO.

Matthews is the manager of International Banking Services and is responsible for the effective operations of all letters of credit and related international banking services such as documentary collections, foreign drafts and foreign currency transactions.

Prior to joining First Eastern, Matthews was a computer operator for a national insurance company.

After graduating from Paraiso Junior/Senior High School in Paraiso, Panama, Matthews attended Canal Zone Junior College, Panama and the IBM School in the city of Panama. After

relocating to the United States, Matthews graduated magna cum laude from Southern Ohio College, Cincinnati, Ohio, with an associate degree in computer programming and is currently working toward a B.S. degree from King's College.

Matthews is a member of the Executive Women's Council, American Institute of Banking and the Gate of Heaven choir. Previously, Matthews was president of the Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society as well as a religious education instructor and was a coordinator and host for the Fresh Air Fund.

Matthews and her husband Victor are the parents of Victor E. and twin daughters, Monique and Monica. They live in the Back Mountain.



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