

COMMUNITY

Cpl. Williams is in Okinawa

Marine Cpl. Peter J. Williams, son of Walter T. and Carole A. Williams of 161 Cedar Ave., Shavertown, recently deployed with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, NC for six months to the Western Pacific. The battalion will be based in Okinawa, Japan, while conducting short training exercises in other areas in the region.

Their deployment exemplifies the Navy and Marine Corps' new strategy entitled "...From the Sea," which shifts the sea services' focus from a global threat to regional challenges and concentrates on near-land warfare and maneuver from the sea.

The 1989 graduate of Dallas Senior High School joined the Marine Corps in September 1989.



Thanks from Special Olympics

Chick and Lil Saccio were recently presented a "Special Friends" plaque in the Villa Roma at Harveys Lake. The plaque was presented by Jerry Fonzo, manager for Luzerne County Special Olympics. The plaque was given in recognition for the Saccios many contributions to Special Olympics through "The Chick Saccio Fall Golf Festival" held at the Valley Country Club in Conyngham. The tournament was held earlier this Fall. From left to right, Chick Saccio, Lil Saccio and Jerry Fonzo.

U.M. Women schedule mission training sessions

The Mission Team of the Wilkes-Barre District United Methodist Women will hold a training session for all officers of the local units. The sessions will be held January 9, 2 p.m. at the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church and January 17 at 2 p.m. at the Plymouth United Methodist Church. All local officers are urged to attend one of these training sessions. No reservations are necessary.

Religious services

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. 675-3859. Pastor Harold R. Baer, Jr. Worship. 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Church school for all ages 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month. Visitors welcome Tuesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Church School 9 a.m.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors, Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet L. Santos. Music Director, Rosento E. Santos. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services. Visitors expected. Sunday study classes, 9:45 a.m. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

Back Mountain briefs

Nesbitt to hold childbirth class Jan. 12

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital will present a Childbirth Refresher Class on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Medical Arts Building Auditorium, 534 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

The complimentary course highlights current birthing techniques and is designed for women and their support persons who have previous birth experience and/or have attended childbirth education classes.

Participants should bring a pillow and a blanket or mat. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call Nesbitt Memorial Hospital at 283-7795, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

L-L mini-football to meet Jan. 14

The Lake-Lehman Jr. Knights Mini-Football Club will hold their first meeting of the new year on Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at Joe's Grotto, Harveys Lake.

All parents of participants from Jr. Football and Cheerleading are cordially invited to attend.

Newly elected officers for 1993 are president, Linda Gaylord; vice president, Debbie Bixby; secretary Trish Waltman and treasurer, Joy Bird.

Hasay to visit Lake Twp. Jan 12

Representative George C. Hasay will have a field aide from his office at the Lake Twp. Municipal Building on Jan. 14, 1993, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The purpose is to assist the constituents in the 117th Legislative District.

Lake Twp. recycling center to be open Jan. 9

The Lake Township Recycling Center will be open Saturday, Jan. 9, from 10-12 noon, accepting aluminum and bi-metal cans, clear, brown and green glass. Plastic water and milk jugs, and soda containers will be accepted. No other plastic can be accepted.

Vietnam Vets of America to meet Jan 6

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 539 will hold its regular meeting on January 6. The meeting will be held at the Dallas Legion, Route 415 and will start at 7 p.m. All veterans and interested parties are invited to attend.

Red Cross lifeguarding course begins Jan. 7

An American Red Cross Lifeguarding course will begin Thursday, Jan. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. for 10 weeks. Registration is now being accepted. Prerequisites for taking the course are: First Aid and CPR certified (course offered on Tuesday, Jan. 19 and 26th), a strong swimming ability proficient in breaststroke, side stroke, elementary back and front crawl. A swimming test will be given on the first day of class.

For more information call the Wilkes-Barre YMCA at 823-2191.



Visits Lake Silkworth Lions

District Governor Andrew Gotcha, Governor of District 14W, Pennsylvania Lions Clubs, recently visited the Lake Silkworth Area Lions Club. District Governor Gotcha spoke about the importance of community activity and congratulated the Lake Silkworth Area Club on the installation of three new members.

Pictured in the photo above are, bottom row, from left, Rev. William Blake, Rev. Joseph Matz, and Kelvin Swanger, new Lions members. Second row, Lion President Nostic Dougiallo, District Governor Gotcha, and Lion Tony Stefanowicz.

LaLeche to meet Jan. 12

The Greater Pittston Area La Leche League will meet Tuesday, Jan. 12, 12:30 p.m. in the Institute Building (located behind the Wyoming Presbyterian Church), Wyoming Ave., Wyoming. The topic of discussion will be "Nutrition and Weaning."

Discussion will include suggestions about nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, as well as information about weaning the breastfed baby.

Interested nursing mothers,

pregnant women who wish to nurse their infants, or any woman who has nursed her children and wishes to offer help, encouragement or just to share her experience of nursing, are welcome.

There is a free lending library from which members may borrow books on nursing, childbirth, nutrition, etc. For more information or help with a breastfeeding concern, call: Karen Shaw, Harding; Vicki Prekel, Tunkhannock or the HELP Line at 829-1341.

Rebekah Lodge makes gifts

This thought for LadyToby #514 Rebekah Lodge is late, but, was fulfilled in November to be ready for Christmas.

Sister Jean Evans met with her co-workers to make potpourri satin, assorted colored little scent bags trimmed with pretty white lace. As the dainty bags were completed, Sisters Ruth Howell, Rebecca Grey and Jean Evans

delivered them to the Maple Hill Nursing Home where 24 patients were waiting to receive them.

Our Rebekah Sisters tell and describe what a joy it is to see their response and happy faces as they gave out the gifts to the 24 patients.

Christmas means "Giving Away Love Every Day!" You see our Rebekahs do this time and time again.

What's so special about being a Commonwealth Telephone customer? Well, you save money and enjoy high-quality service. In today's economy, that translates into a pretty good buy.

There's been a lot of publicity about Commonwealth Telephone Company this past year. Contract negotiations between the company and unionized employees have been going on for more than 14 months. And while much has been said in the media, much has been left unsaid. So you may be a little confused, or maybe concerned, about some of the issues. You should be aware of key facts.

The company's final offer to unionized employees would:

* COMPENSATE EMPLOYEES FAIRLY

The company proposed a wage increase that would bring the weighted average rate to \$14.84/ hour, or \$30,867 annually. Furthermore, the current top rate for unionized employees is \$16/hour, or \$33,280 annually, not including benefits or overtime.

* PROTECT ACTIVE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

The company proposed to continue paying the far greater share of increasing medical and dental insurance premiums for employees *and their dependents*. The current value of *all* company-paid benefits for the average employee is more than \$14,000 per year.

* MOREOVER, THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL BENEFITS CUSTOMERS BY MAINTAINING VERY REASONABLE TELEPHONE RATES AND ENSURING THE CONTINUATION OF HIGH-QUALITY TELEPHONE SERVICE.

We hope this information reassures all parties concerned that Commonwealth Telephone Company firmly believes in its employees, values their contributions, and is committed to providing quality services and products to its customers.

* COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS:

- PAY ANYWHERE FROM \$4.52 TO \$7.07 PER MONTH FOR BASIC DIAL TONE SERVICE.** That's significantly less than the \$13.16 telephone customers in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Pittston pay. Not to mention hundreds of other exchanges throughout Pennsylvania that don't have Commonwealth service. *The hallmark of Commonwealth Telephone Company is high-quality service at low cost to customers.*

- RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF A MODERN NETWORK. Commonwealth has invested more than \$110 million - *\$585 for each customer* -- over the past three years alone to ensure that customers have the most modern network possible, which means faster, clearer connections, and the availability of the most advanced communication services.

More than 94% of Commonwealth's telephone service is digital, a much higher percentage than many telephone companies across the country. This year-in, year-out investment in the company's core telephone network means that Commonwealth's service territory offers a communications infrastructure for the future -- to help attract businesses and create new jobs.

- RECEIVE NOT ONLY COST-EFFICIENT SERVICE BUT HIGH-QUALITY AS WELL. For the third consecutive year, Commonwealth Telephone has been ranked #1 by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PPUC) in customer satisfaction and performance.

- ARE ASSURED OF THE COMPANY'S INTEGRITY. Commonwealth Telephone is a regulated utility and, as such, is subject to PPUC review and regulation in all matters, including rate increases. Furthermore, as a regulated business, Commonwealth Telephone revenues cannot be and are not used to finance other C-TEC affiliate operations.

**Depending upon the size of the customer's toll-free calling area

