



Hospice volunteers honored

Back Mountain residents Robert and Ruth Voelker and Mary Hoyes were recently honored for 100 hours of service as volunteers for Hospice St. John, now in its 16th year of service to the region's terminally ill. The Voelkers and Mary Hoyes, right, are congratulated by area director, Carolee Holmes, center.

Genealogical Society plans bus trip to Nat'l Archives

Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Inc. will charter a bus trip to Philadelphia July 27, to the National Archives. An Independent federal agency, the Archives holds the historically valuable records of the three branches of the Federal Government, documenting American

history from the First Continental Congress to the present. Microfilm holdings include Census Records 1790-1920, military service records of the Revolutionary War, (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican War (1846-1848), Civil War, naturalization petitions and passenger

arrival lists for the ports of Baltimore, Maryland, Galveston, Texas, Philadelphia and St. Albans, Vermont. The bus pick-up is scheduled for 7 a.m. July 27 at the Wyoming Valley Mall Sears Auto parking area. It is scheduled to leave Philadelphia for return to Wilkes-

Barre at 5 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person. The trip is open to members and non-members and not restricted to participation in the Archives activities. Reservations may be made by contacting Marion Oblen, Chairperson, 288-5132 or 283-5151.

Larish family notes 55th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Larish of Ransom Road, Dallas, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 15, 1995.

The couple was married in 1940 at a double ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dymond, West Pittston.

Mrs. Larish, the former Mertie Grace Evans, was born in Vernon, PA, and graduated from the Beaumont High School. One of seven daughters born to Theodore and Josephine Price Evans, she is a descendent of Elihu Williams, who fought at the Battle of Wyoming. Mrs. Larish was a vacation Bible School teacher at the Orange United Methodist Church and a Girl Scout troop leader. An avid gardener and motorcycle enthusiast, she is a member of the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society and Cider Painters of America.

Mr. Larish was born in Wyoming, PA, the only son of A. Raymond and Grace Dymond Larish.

He graduated from Wyoming High School and was employed as an auto mechanic at the Wyoming Barracks of the PA State Police. He is the great-grandson of Cyrus Larish, who served in the 184th Regiment during the Civil War. He is also descended from Matthew Dymond, a soldier in the American Revolution, and the Stevens family, who were Puritan pioneers. Mr. Larish designed and built the couple's home near Orange, and has also designed and built furniture. His hobbies include science and electronics.

Kenneth and Mertie Larish are the parents of one daughter, local artist Sue Hand. They have one granddaughter, Heather Madiera, and two great granddaughters, Laura Lynne Madeira, age 3, and Rachel Grace Madeira, born on Mother's Day, one day before their anniversary. Also helping to celebrate the occasion are son-in-law Joseph R. Hand and grandson-in-law, Timothy S. Madeira.



Fundraising quilt raffle

To raise funds for operating expenses, the Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is holding a raffle for a quilt made by Society members. The quilt measures 106" x 93", in vivid hues of teal, burgundy, rose, and yellow in a royal blue background. Additional prizes are a wall hanging, a pillow, an afghan, and other handmade items. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.00, and are available at area supermarkets and merchants. Quilters are: Ann Kosicki, Julianna Zarzycki, Georgia Murray and Marie Bartolai. For information, write to the Quilt Committee, at the NEPGS address, P.O. Box 1776, Shavertown, PA 18708-0776.



Confirmation service May 21 at Trucksville

On Sunday, May 21, one worship service will be held at Trucksville United Methodist Church, at which the 10 members of this year's Confirmation Class will be confirmed by Rev. W. Charles Naugle.

Earlier in the morning the Membership Committee will host a breakfast for the confirmands and their families.

A reception for all members of the congregation will follow the service.

Confirmands are: Michael Barlow, Blake Bicking, Benjamin Brown, Shannon Cosgrove, Rachel Farley, Kevin Gaylord, Nathan Jones, Jaclyn Senese, Joseph Senese and Kerri Stephens.

Orienteering meet May 21 at Frances Slocum Park

The Pocono Orienteering Club (POC) will hold an event May 21 at Frances Slocum State Park in Trucksville.

In orienteering, participants use a detailed-five color topographical map and compass to navigate a marked course in the field. Appropriate footwear is suggested. No prior experience is needed.

Participants can register and start any time between 10 a.m. and noon at the park's Nature Center. Entry fee is \$5 for non-members and instruction is always available. Compasses can be rented for fifty cents.

Designed as an introduction to orienteering, the event will feature nine short courses, divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced difficulty. For one entry fee, participants can try as many different courses as they wish.

Each course brings the participant back to the start/finish area, where they can discuss their performance and begin a different course. Beginners' courses will use only well-marked hiking trails and are appropriate for families, who can use one map.

For more information, contact George Hart at 822-0022.

Gate of Heaven plans bazaar

Gate of Heaven Church will sponsor a bazaar June 23, 24 and 25 on the church grounds. Good food, games and variety booths will be featured. Committee members are, first row, Marlene Cacoza, Fr. David Cappelloni, Pat Kalinowski, Bill Farrell, Tim Carroll, Carol Carroll, and Bill Kalinowski, chairman.

Open House at new learning center

I'm BIG Now Learning Center, 130 N. Main St., Shavertown will host an open house and registration for September openings May 21, 2-4 p.m.

Two, three and five day afternoon programs are offered for children four years old by December 31. Class size is limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

For information call Linda Fritzges 696-4778 or Tricia Considine 675-6553.

Women's Conference to be held at Penn State June 3

The 1995 Luzerne County Women's Conference will be held June 3 at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman, with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m., June 3.

Now in its 11th year, the one-day conference has become an important tradition in the lives of local women who look forward to attending workshops on business and careers, politics, self discovery, family, health and spirituality.

This year participants will have 50 workshops from which they may choose three or four. The cost is \$20; \$15 for seniors and young women under 18 years of age. Lunch is \$5, or persons may bring their own lunches. Child-care is offered at no cost for the first 30 children on a first-come basis.

Conference brochures with registration forms are available at public libraries or by calling Penn State at 675-9240.

Trucksville UM welcomes new members

The Trucksville United Methodist Church recently welcomed 13 new members into the church. Rev. W. Charles Naugle conducted the services, assisted by Margaret Johnson, Lay Leader. Following the service the Membership Committee held a reception for the congregation in the Memorial Room of the church.

The new members are George Baird, John Beacham, Holly Daubert, Glen and Robin Geisinger, Rebecca Gumble, Max and Carol Hillard, Marcella Hillard, Michael McDonald, Linda Reedy and Thomas and Valerie Rowader.

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

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors, Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet L. Santos. Music Dir., John Valda. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services. Visitors expected. Sunday study classes, 10 a.m. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Rev. Harold R. Baer, Jr., Pastor. Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month and festivals. Everyone Welcome! Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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