

**BACK MOUNTAIN BRIEFS**

**BMT Business Ass'n. meets Feb. 8**

The Back Mountain Business Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at College Misericordia on Feb. 8 at 11:45 a.m.

**Pack 232 hosts Raingutter Regatta**

Cub Scout Pack 232 held its Raingutter Regatta recently at Gate of Heaven School.

The following winners will go to Districts. Michael Clemente, Robert Bauer and J.J. Durr.

The Tiger Scouts participated in a Frog Race competition. Winners who will attend Districts include: Adam Singer, Jason Brady and Jeffrey Clemente.

Pack 232 also was recognized for third highest sales in the 1995-96 Trail's End Popcorn Fund Raiser. Art Flanagan, Webelos leader was chairman of the event.

**St. Therese's altar/Rosary Society meets**

St. Therese's Altar and Rosary Society will meet Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the social room for Rosary recitation, followed by the regular meeting.

Plans for upcoming numerous affairs and events will be discussed, as well as preparations for the World Day of Prayer to be hosted by St. Therese's Society on February 23 at 1 p.m.

Foods are collected at every meeting for the Back Mountain Food Bank. All women of the parish are invited.

**Newcomers' Club slates activities**

The Newcomer's Club of Wyoming Valley will sponsor a Birthday Tea on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Exeter.

Tables representing each month of the year will feature decorating and dessert ideas for your next party.

The general public is invited. Seating is limited and reservations are required. The cost is \$5.00. Call Sandy (883-7274) to make reservations.

The Newcomer's Club welcomes anyone new to the area and provides activities for women, couples and their children throughout the year. For further information, contact Patti Oschal (696-1833).

**Irem Women's Auxiliary meets Feb. 8**

Irem Women's Auxiliary will meet Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Irem Temple Mosque.

The Executive Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Russell Elias will report on the sale of circus tickets. Volunteers are needed to man the respective sale sites in the Valley.

**Persico is named Luzerne County Bar Ass'n. president**

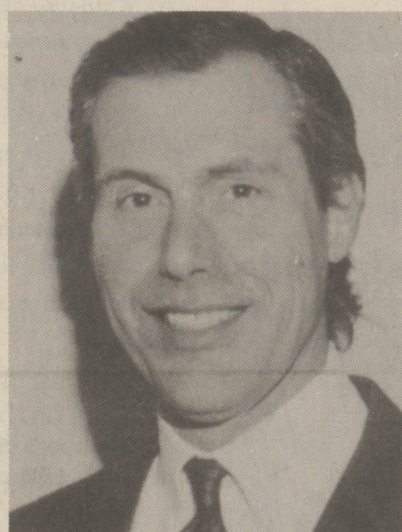
Back Mountain resident Joseph L. Persico, Esq., a partner in the Wilkes-Barre based law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald, L.L.P., was recently elected the 41st president of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association, the nation's fourth oldest local Bar Association.

Persico, a lifelong resident of Luzerne County and a graduate of Hazleton High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Villanova University in 1972, and his law degree from the University of Baltimore in 1975.

He has been associated with Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald since 1976, and has, since his admission to the local Bar Association, served as the chairman of the Young Lawyers Division and as a member of its executive committee.

In his remarks to the group, Persico pledged to continue the efforts of his predecessors in promoting the association and announced plans to commence initiatives for public awareness of the positive contributions to the community by members of the legal profession.

Persico is active in a number of



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community groups and also presently serves as the Chairman of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He resides in Shavertown with his wife, Patrice, and their three children.



RAYMOND ESTRELLA AND BARBARA STANULIS

**Barbara A. Stanulis to wed Raymond P. Estrella**

Bernard J. and Ruth T. Stanulis of Dallas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann to Raymond Paul Estrella, originally of Somerville and Waltham, Massachusetts and currently residing in Dallas, son of Manuel J. and Maria F. Estrella of Somerville, MA.

Ms. Stanulis and Estrella are employed by the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae) in Wilkes-Barre and are planning an August 3, 1996 wedding in the Boston area.



**Kiwanis host Eggnog Social**

The Kiwanis Club of Dallas recently held its annual eggnog social at Irem Temple Country Club for members of Kiwanis Clubs in Division 15 and invited service clubs in the Back Mountain.

Attending were, seated, from left, Mrs. Clifford Parker, Mrs. James Ward, and Mrs. Robert Orlando; back row, Clifford Parker, treasurer; James Ward, master of ceremonies; Lt. Governor Robert Orlando; Tex Wilson, president; and secretary, James Snyder.

**Nearly New Shop holds sale**

The Nearly-New Kids Shop, a community project sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, will hold a month long sale. All good quality children's clothing will be offered for 25¢ an item or five items for \$1.00.

Included in the sale will be the complete stock of shirts, blouses, jeans, dresses, coats, sweaters and jackets. The sale will begin February 3 and will continue for

the entire month.

The Nearly-New Kids Shop is located in the lower level of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, on Church Road. The shop will be open from 10 a.m. until noon for the four Saturdays of February.

All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the many mission projects of the United Methodist Women.

**Choral Society accepting new members**

The College Misericordia Choral Society is accepting new members for the spring semester, according to director Dr. John Curtis. All members of the community are welcome to join without an audition.

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 in Kennedy Lounge, Merrick Hall.

Repertoire will include *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Joel Hardyk and *The Testament of Freedom* by Randall Thompson.

For more information call Dr. Curtis at 674-6739.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY** - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Out of Bounds" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday 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 Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services; WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. mid-week Chapel Service. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Holy communion 1st Sunday of the month and festivals. Cry Room and Nursery available. Rev. Harold R. Baer, Jr., Pastor. Phone 675-3859. Everyone Welcome.

**HUNTSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 2355 Huntsville Rd. Family Worship Service 9:15 a.m. For professional counseling service appts., call 826-0075. Dr. Rudolph Libeck, Pastor. We practice ecumenism.

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**Creating a New Future!**

Special Friends Ice Festival featuring the 1996 National Ice Carving Championships is the place to be on February 9, 10 & 11 at Lackawanna County Stadium.

Hosted by the C.A.D. Foundation for Special Children, the event features 3 spectacular ice carving competitions with over 150 sculptures and the fabulous Ice Palace. Plus, plenty of food and merchandise vendors for everyone.

Proceeds raised from the event will be for the benefit of St. Joseph's Center, Scranton. Help create a new future for St. Joseph's Center.

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