

BMT Reelers to play at Contra Dance Feb. 10

The Folklore Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Chicory House of Wilkes-Barre will present its monthly New England Contra Dance, February 10 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street at Northampton Street in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Singles, couples, beginners, young and young at heart are welcome.

The house band, The Back Mountain Reelers, will accompany caller Don Flaherty. All dances will be called throughout the evening and lessons will be held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Dancers should wear soft-soled shoes and casual dress. Please be prompt.

Contra Dancing is Celtic in origin; its music, traditional and otherwise, consists mostly of the jig and reels forms native to the Celtic lands. Long a tradition in New England, Contra Dancing's popularity has spread all over North America in recent years. The local dances continue to win new enthusiasts each month, while experienced dancers new to or visiting the area have contributed many skills and much sophistication to the local scene.

Admission is \$6 for non-members; \$5 for members; \$4 for Students with I.D.s, \$3 for children age 10 to 16; or \$15 for families. For more information, call David Martin at 333-4007.

Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary holds holiday party

Members of the Career Branch of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Wyoming Valley Health Care System, recently held a holiday party at the Carriage Stop Inn, Wilkes-Barre, are, from left, Joyce Yamelski, Carolyn Luchi, Doris Renoe, Nancy Humiston, Nancy Roberts, Cindi Taylor, Debbie Mozal and Margaret Lumley.



College students will help low income, seniors with taxes

Accounting and business students at College Misericordia will participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) again this year, offering free assistance in filling out tax returns. They have been trained with materials provided by the IRS and are supervised by

Misericordia faculty members. The service is available by appointment only.

This year's VITA program will be held on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings during February and March. Saturday dates are February 3, 10, 17, and 24;

March 9, 16 and 23. Hours are 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Monday appointments can be made between 5-8 p.m. on February 5, 12, 19, and 26; or March 11, 18, 25.

VITA is intended to assist low income, elderly and handicapped people who may not otherwise have access to accounting help,

according to Fred Croop, assistant professor of accounting at the College and co-ordinator of the program.

The students will help with state and local tax forms and IRS returns.

To make an appointment call 674-6430 or 674-6237.



Showin' Blue helps SPCA

The Showin' Blue 4-H Club of Borrowdale Acres, Dallas, recently held a food and supply drive for the Luzerne County S.P.C.A., collecting pet food, dog biscuits, towels and even an afghan.

Showin' Blue officers are, from left, Melissa Valeski, president; Jen Selner, teen leader; Wendy Wallo, teen leader and activities co-ordinator; Kim Calenda, treasurer; Jamie Laubenstein, teen leader and public relations; Erin Liss, teen leader and public relations.

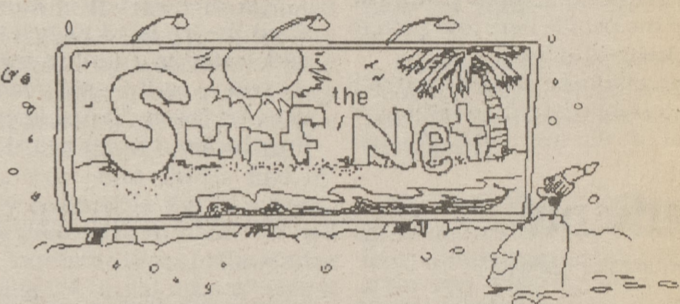
Burger King sells Valentine Fun Pacs for Lung Ass'n.

Area Burger King restaurants have teamed up with the American Lung Association to promote the sale of Valentine Fun Pacs. A Valentine Fun Pac costs \$1 and contains ten different and colorful valentines, each with a coupon for a small order of French fries with any purchase on the back. The sale of Valentine Fun Pacs runs through Valentine's Day at the Burger King on Route 309 in Shavertown.

The proceeds of these fun pac will help support and fund asthma programs for area children, including Camp Wheeze-Away, the local lung association's overnight camp for children with asthma.

Childhood asthma, a serious lung disease that causes difficulty in breathing, is so pervasive that it is a leading cause of school absenteeism. Locally, it is estimated that asthma afflicts more than 3,000 children in the Wyoming Valley. Throughout the year, the American Lung Association provides asthma information directly to schools and educational materials to children and their families.

For additional information about Valentine Fun Pacs, living with asthma or Camp Wheeze-Away, call the American Lung Association at (717) 823-2212.



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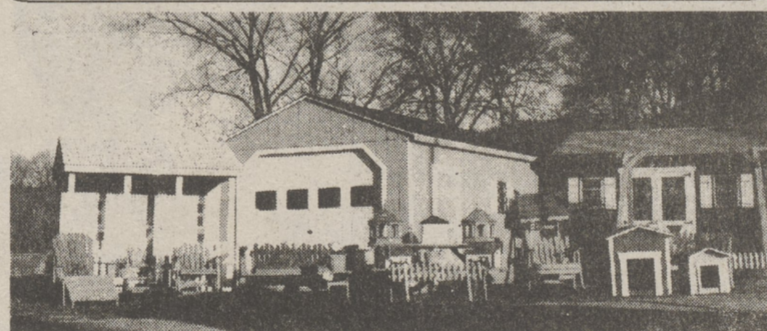
Small Wonders helps BMT foodBank

Small Wonders Nursery School, Shavertown recently participated in a food collection for the Back Mt. Food Bank.

Pictured are some of the children from the 4-year old classes. First row, from left, Lauren Pieczynski, Chad Miller, Robert Peron, J.J. Carr, Richard Wengrzynek, David Scherer, Scott Skammer. Second row, Dylan Puterbaugh, Erin Belles, Sarah Flannery, Wesley Landers, Davey Zurek.

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Dallas Monroe Muffler Brake observes its grand opening

Continuing its expansion, Monroe Muffler Brake, one of the nation's largest chains of company-operated undercar repair service centers, has announced the grand opening of its new Dallas facility.

The shop in Dallas reflects Monroe's ongoing response to the changing needs of today's customers, expanding services to include brakes, shocks, struts, springs, front-end and front-wheel drive repair, tire sales and service and oil changes.

The facility, located on State Route 309 will be managed by John McCrea. The phone number is (717) 674-6021.

The Dallas facility will be open 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays; and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Satur-

days.

The new 4,500 square foot shop features six service bays, state-of-the-art undercar repair equipment and an electronic point-of-sale (POS) computer system for quick customer order response.

Monro's warranties include a worldwide, lifetime muffler guarantee and a one-year warranty on all pipes. A lifetime ride control guarantee is offered on all shocks and McPherson strut service, and disc brake pads and brake shoes are covered by a range of guarantees from 12,000 miles to a lifetime warranty. Treadwear warranties, ranging from 40,000 to 80,000 miles, are issued on all new tires except some light truck and high performance tires. All other services are guaranteed for a minimum of 90 days or 4,000 miles.

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