

Volunteers

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sent them off with a pizza party, balloons and flowers. The family is moving to Oman, not far from Yemen and the United Arab Emirates, on the Persian Gulf, at the end of June, where Kermit will teach business at Sultan Auabooos University.

"When we tell people where we're moving they often say 'Oh, man!', Kermit quipped. "We fire back, 'Yeah, man!'"

The family, who moved here from Nebraska 3 1/2 years ago, selected volunteering at The Meadows because they were looking for a way to minister to others as a family, and had sung at nursing homes before moving to the Back Mountain.

"One lady found out I really like hard-boiled eggs and Lorna Doone cookies," Lena said, smiling. "She always saved them for me from her meal tray and hid them in her drawer."

"They're very giving people," Michelle added. "They try to save you little things because they really want you to have them."

"It has been heartwarming to see the seniors literally light up when the girls came in on Tuesdays," Connie said.

It was hard for the girls to see someone whom they had developed a relationship with suddenly become sicker, go downhill or die, but they said they had learned many positive lessons.

"I learned how to serve - to help someone joyfully and to want to do my best," said Michelle. "It means a lot to someone in the last lap of their life to receive a kind word from someone else."

"Sometimes it was a bit frustrating when someone asked me to do something which I'm not qualified for, like get them a glass of milk or help them to the bathroom," Lena added. "Everything must be approved by the nurse first."

The girls also learned to be patient and to deal with seniors who might not feel well or who are a bit confused or angry about where they are. One lady thought Michelle was trying to steal her possessions when she came in to refill her ice water pitcher.

"At first it was hard to relate to them," Michelle said. "I was a little scared - I didn't know what to talk about, until I found out all they wanted was a hug, a friendly touch or a little kiss. It was a very pleasant experience."

Logan said he learned to give hugs, even when he felt a bit shy. "Just seeing the girls and re-

ceiving a smile and a touch of the hand from them meant a lot to the seniors," Kermit added.

When they aren't helping out at The Meadows, the children study through home-schooling and read nearly everything they can get their hands on. Connie and Kermit believe giving their children a love of reading will open many doors for them in the future. They use the library's resources, in addition to many materials available to home-schoolers.

It's worked very well. Lena just passed her general Equivalency Diploma (GED) with flying colors and plans to study nutrition at home after moving to Oman. She also loves to write (Kermit is her editor) and has contributed to a friend's newsletter for several years.

Michelle's first love is medicine. She has purchased several medical books and her own stethoscope, reflex hammer, blood pressure cuff and otoscope, a small light used to look into the eyes, nostrils and throat - and has practiced using them on her family.

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Meadows volunteer

"She's good," Connie said, laughing.

The Kuehns are looking forward to living in Oman and the educational experience of living as a Christian in a land hostile to Christians. They also hope to visit India, Africa or Europe.

They hope to continue volunteering at nursing homes wherever they live and highly recommend candy striping at The Meadows, which Connie described as "a very nice home, with a wonderful staff and volunteers always cheerfully going the extra mile for the residents."

"You should be friendly and enthusiastic," Lena said.

"You really have to want to do it, not just put in your time and go home," Michelle added.

If you're interested in volunteer work at the Meadows, call 675-8600, ext. 138 for information.



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Carl Grover and Rick Miller replaced guy wires on Harveys Lake's original pile driver.

Pile driver

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the lake bed.

"It's hard to operate during the day, when boats zoom by and create big wakes," Miller said. "Choppy water is also hard to deal with. And if we accidentally hit a rock shelf and the piling splits, we have to start all over again."

Because the machine is so noisy, workers try to avoid running it while people are trying to rest, he said.

Miller credits operator Henry Brobst with the machine's success. A 14-year veteran of the business, Brobst knows nearly every square foot of the lake's bed.

Once he even dismantled the rig and trucked it to Lake Nuangola for a large job.

"We rely heavily on Henry's expertise, familiarity with the lake

"You can't buy one like this - you have to build it."

Rick Miller
Dauksis Construction

bed and knowledge of his equipment," Miller said.

Dauksis Construction handles about 25 jobs a year and charges customers according to the piling's length, the depth of the water and the time involved, he added.

"This type of job is very hard to bid," Miller said. "Generally costs run between \$150 and \$250 per piling."

Dauksis Construction uses pressure-treated yellow pine ma-

rine pilings for all its jobs because it's very sturdy.

"Unless it's heavily damaged by ice, a piling can last about 25 years," Miller said.

When it isn't out on a job, the pile driver is moored at Mrs. Dorothy Marsh's dock at Pole 276, where it's safe from everything but the lake's resident muskrats.

"They just love to chew up the electrical wires," Miller said. "You should see them out there in the winter by the docks, munching away on people's dockside water heaters."

Although the workers call the pile driver their pleasure ship, it's anything but glamorous.

"It's a lot of hard, dirty work," Miller said.

Dallas Women's Club donates to library

The Dallas Area Federated Women's Club recently made their annual donation to the Back Mountain Library of \$400 for general support of the library's operation and \$116 for replacement landscaping. At the check presentation were Mary Griffin, Women's Club vice president; Shirley Forney, a member of both the library's board of directors and the Women's Club; Ellen J. Nagy, club president; Martha Wheeler, library director; Carol Murdock, club treasurer and Cathy Davis, club secretary



King's College names four to advisor group

Area community leaders recently named King's College's President's Council are John Bednarz, Esq., Shavertown, affiliated with the law firm of Bednarz and Pendolphi; Joseph Bradley, Dallas, president of Golden Business Machines; Philip Decker, Dallas, president of Hospice Community Care; and Claudia Stevens, Dallas.

Bednarz is a 1975 magna cum laude graduate of King's and earned his J.D. from Villanova University. Formerly assistant district attorney and senior trial assistant in Luzerne County, Atty Bednarz is active in a number of legal fraternities and societies and civic organizations.

Joseph Bradley, president of Golden Business Machines, received a B.S. in education from Luzerne County Community College. A member of the Sorin Society and the Quarterback Club of the University of Notre Dame, Bradley is also a member of the board of trustees of St. Michael's School, the Irem Temple Shrine, the Westmoreland Club and Grace Episcopal Church.

Claudia Stevens, Dallas, is a realtor associated with Lewith and Freeman. A graduate of College of Art and Architecture at the Pennsylvania State University, she is a member of the Pennsylvania and the National Associations of Realtors, and a member of the board of directors of St. Michael's School.

Phil Decker, president of Hospice Community Care, is a 1973 graduate of King's, and a graduate of the University of Scranton. He is member of the advisory board of the Luzerne Foundation, a member of the YMCA Camp Committee, and the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis. Decker is associated with the National Hospice Organization and the Pennsylvania State Hospice Organization.

Motivational seminar will aid Hammersly

Six motivational speakers will present a program at Luzerne County Community College Fri., June 28 from 7-9 p.m. to aid the family of Sawyer Hammersly, the Centermoreland 2-year-old with a brain tumor. The admission fee of \$5 will be donated to the family. For information, call 696-2581.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARILYN GREGORSKI

Logan, Connie, Lena and Michelle Kuehn were treated to a farewell pizza party by their friends at The Meadows Nursing Center.

No sale signs allowed on utility poles in KT

The Kington Township zoning officer reminds the residents of the Township that it is illegal to attach garage/yard sale signs to telephone poles or trees. Signs should be attached to individual stakes and be removed no later than two days after the sale.

Violators may be fined up to \$300.

Additional information may be obtained from the zoning officer at 696-3809.

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