

**BACK MOUNTAIN BRIEFS**

**Flood protection comm. meets May 22**

The Wyoming Valley Flood Protection Comm. will meet at King's College McGowan Bldg., 3rd floor room 313, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22. The agenda is:

1. Update of levee construction progress.
2. Appointment of various officers.
3. Old business review.
4. New business.
5. Adjournment and next scheduled meeting.
6. Comments from the audience.

**Genealogical Society to meet May 27**

The monthly meeting of the Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will be held on Tues., May 27 at 7 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Hospital.

The guest speaker is Stephen Killian whose topic for the evening is Camp Luzerne and "How to find your Civil War ancestor".

The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in family history is encouraged to attend. For further information, call 779-4643.

**Lake Township tax reminder for May**

Ruth Orloski, Lake Twp. Tax Collector reminds taxpayers that the last day to pay 1997 County-Municipal and Township Per Capita taxes at Face Value is Saturday, May 31. After that date and through December 15, 1997 they will be due at Penalty Value.

There will be office hours the last three days of the Face Period. (Thurs., May 29 through Sat., May 31). If mailing taxes, envelopes must be postmarked on or before May 31.

**Couple's Club to hold flea market June 14**

The Couple's Club of the Idetown United Methodist Church met recently and made plans to hold a Flea Market on Sat., June 14, at the Idetown Church House. Flea Market will begin at 10 a.m. Cost of space will be \$10 and you must provide your own tables. Tables will be outside. Anyone wanting to purchase a space may contact 639-5051, 639-5300 or 477-5219. Refreshments will be served.

The next meeting will be held on Sat., May 24 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a covered dish supper, followed by entertainment of the Barbershop Quartet from Wilkes-Barre. All are invited to attend and you do not have to be a couple.

**Lehman UM Women to meet May 27**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lehman United Methodist Women will be held at the Lehman U.M. Church on May 27 at 7 p.m.

Maria Madero-HIV-AIDS specialist with "We Care" AIDS Support will speak on "AIDS Awareness".

Hostesses are Celia Ellsworth, Vera Tough and Alberta Steltz. Dorothy Dawe will preside.

**Audobon Society sponsors trip**

Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will sponsor a field trip to identify spring wildflowers at Bear Hollow Road near Harveys Lake, May 24. This is an easy walk, to be led by Bob Wasilewski, 824-3668. Meet at Grotto Pizza, Harveys lake at 10 a.m. Free and open to the public.



**Troop 241 visits with veterans**

Cub Scout Pack 241, Den 1 and Den 4, of the Lehman U.M. Church, visited approximately 100 veterans during the DAVA Saturday Coffee Hour at the Wilkes-Barre Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center recently. The scouts provided a gift for each veteran and entertained patients, volunteers and VA Staff with three vocal selections, accompanied by Len Charney on the accordion. Following the coffee hour, the boys accompanied Dorothy Pope, DAVA VAVS Representative and Coffee Hour Coordinator, to deliver daffodils throughout the facility. The coffee hours are sponsored and funded, in part, by the Department of Pennsylvania DAV Auxiliary and underwritten by many of the local veterans' organizations. Shown, in the photo, kneeling from left are Billy Holena, Michael Baloga, Michael Gionfriddo, Eric Blaszczyk and Billy McGovern. Standing, second row, from left, Chris Baloga, Joshua Simms, Matt Kapitula, Stephen Yankowski, Reedes Hurt, VAMC Chief Executive Officer; Kevin Tomayko, Matt Poremba, Wesley Kinter and David Orson. Standing, from left in rear, Sheila Gionfriddo, Judy McGovern, David Orson, Dave Baloga, Cub Scout Leader; Fred Pope, DAV VAVS Representative; Dorothy Pope, DAVA VAVS Representative and Bill Tomayko, Leader, Den 4. Others in attendance were, Sandy Holena, Darleen Tomayko, Betsy Kinter, Tracy Kapitula, Kerry Simms and brothers and sisters of the scouts. Bill Holena is Den 1 Leader.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY** - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m.. "Genos" 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. Sunday School 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Sunday Church School 9:45 a.m.; Cry Room and Nursery available. Bible Study 9 a.m. Tues. mornings and 7 p.m. Wed. evenings. Rev. Robert K. Bohm, Interim Pastor. Phone 675-3859. Everyone Welcome.

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEHMAN** - Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday morning service 11 a.m.; Sunday evening service 6:30 p.m.; Wed. night prayer meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Barbara Ann Stanulis weds Raymond Estrella**

Barbara Ann Stanulis, daughter of Bernard J. and Ruth T. Stanulis, of Dallas and Raymond Paul Estrella, son of Manuel J. and Maria F. Estrella of Somerville, MA, exchanged nuptial vows on August 3, 1996 at Saint Catherine of Genoa Parish in Somerville.

The double ring wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Brian F. Manning.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose her sister, Elizabeth Chabala, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jolene Carey, cousin of the bride; Racquel Estrella, sister of the groom; Elizabeth Rea, friend of the bride and Karen Parker, friend of the bride and groom. The flower girl was Jeneve Bulpett, niece of the groom.

The groom chose his friend, John C. Silva, as best man. Ushers were Andrew Concalves, cousin of the groom; Isaac Machado and Silvino Ferreira, friends of the groom; and Michael Goncalves, cousin of the groom.

Also in attendance was the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Alice C. Tinsley. An evening cocktail hour and dinner reception was held at Lombardo's in Randolph, MA. A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom at the Sunset Cafe, in Cambridge, MA. The bride was honored at a shower given by her mother, grandmother, her sister and her godmother, MaryEllen Carey at the Golden Palace in Plains, PA.

The bride was also honored at a shower given by the mother and sister of the groom at the Portugalia Restaurant in Cambridge, MA.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Pennsylvania State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies. She is employed by Sallie Mae as a Benefits Accounting Specialist.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Sommerville High School and attended Merrimack College and Northeastern University. He is employed as an Accountant at Sallie Mae.

The couple honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands.



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**SENIOR MENUS**

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following menu is for the week of May 26. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee.

**MONDAY** - Memorial Day centers closed.

**TUESDAY** - PA Dutch Day - Turkey pot pie, butternut squash, hot fruit compote, cranapple juice, whole wheat bread, spice cake.

**WEDNESDAY** - Roast pork w/ stuffing-gravy, sweet potatoes, Harvard beets, rye bread, orange.

**THURSDAY** - Chicken patty w/cheese, ranch dressing, oven brown potatoes, parslid carrots, sandwich roll, fruited gelatin.

**FRIDAY** - Baked fish Florentine, paprika potatoes, wax beans, whole wheat bread, chilled pears, lemon.

**Evelyn Eck honored for volunteerism**

It takes a very special type of person to be a volunteer. A volunteer must be kind, courteous, knowledgeable, and above all, must be willing to donate his or her time to helping other people. Moreover, it takes an extraordinary person to be a devoted volunteer for 47 years. Evelyn Eck of Shavertown is just such a person.

Mrs. Eck has spent the past half century of her life volunteering her services for the Shavertown Branch of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. After nearly half a century of volunteering, no one can blame her for wanting to step down from volunteering to spend time for herself.

Fortunately for the auxiliary that time has not yet come. "I can't stop now. Tomorrow has as many needs as today," she says.

Having graduated from the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, it was her original desire to help others that brought Mrs. Eck to the auxiliary nearly half a century ago. She joined the auxiliary branch in 1950 so that she could donate some time for the betterment of others. Since that time, she has not looked back. "We used to do many things back then," she comments. "We did everything from making puppets

for the children to delivering flowers and mail, to making dressings for the operating room patients and operating the Hospitality shop. We just pitched in and did what we had to do."

Forty-seven years of pitching in has gotten much accomplished



Mrs. Evelyn Eck

for the auxiliary. Over that time, Mrs. Eck has served on the Executive Committee for the Auxiliary Board, as Past President of the Board, and on the Hospital Board of Trustees as Chairman of the Community Relations Committee.

Demonstrating her leadership, she has administered numerous fundraising projects over the years, all with the goal of benefiting the hospital and the patients.

Everything from providing coloring books and bicycle safety programs for children to coordinating health fairs to providing input as to the reconstruction of the lobby, Mrs. Eck and her fellow auxiliarians have made a dramatic impact on the lives of many patients.

Currently, Mrs. Eck is chairman of the Health Promotion Projects Committee. In this position she coordinates and administers fundraising and educational projects for the auxiliary; a role that she is quick to point out requires the assistance of many of her colleagues.

Such projects include health fairs, safety promotions and health tests and screenings for the public. Similarly, many other projects deal specifically with children's health.

Through its work, the auxiliary has provided infant hearing testing, and children's safety programs.

Mrs. Eck also coordinates many projects which affect patient care throughout the hospital. "I enjoy helping others. I'll do this as long as time allows," she says confidently.

Judging from her past, that will probably be a while yet.

**Open Mike Night May 23 for performers**

Amateur and professional performers are invited to perform at the Open Mike Night sponsored by the Chicory House, Fri. May 23 at 8 p.m. The non-profit, volunteer-run Chicory House welcomes singer-songwriters, performers of traditional and contemporary folk music, acoustic blues, bluegrass and alternative acoustic styles, storytellers and poets to hone their stage skills and show off their talents.

The Open Mike Night will be held in the community room of St. Stephen's Church, 35 South Franklin Street in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The Chicory House is not affiliated with St. Stephen's.

Doors will open to the public at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to participate is asked to sign up between 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Prospective performers may call 825-8772 or 675-8843 for more information.

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