

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Lesia Schmid, medical office assistant in the endocrinology department at the Penn State Geisinger Health Group, Valley Medical Building in Wilkes-Barre, has been named employee of the month for December. A member of the Penn State Geisinger team for the past eight years, she has also worked in various capacities in the business office.

While working with Ronald Harris, M.D., Schmid was recognized with a first place award from the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania for the *Humanlink 24 Hour Patient Access to Intervention for the Control of Diabetes* program, as well as special recognition from the American Diabetes Association's Provider Recognition Program. She co-authored an article entitled, *Diabetes Intervention in the Information Age*, for the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 1996.

She resides in Shavertown with her husband, Richard, and children Haley and Kristy.



Commonwealth Telecom Services, Inc. (CTSI), a business unit of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises has appointed **Robert J. Gedrose** as vice president of operations.

CTSI offers business and residential customers a totally new telecommunications approach through innovative packaging of local, long-distance, Internet and data services. CTSI provides these competitive services in selected markets, and currently operates in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Hazleton, Lancaster, Reading and Kingston.

As vice president of CTSI, Gedrose is responsible for the overall direction and day-to-day management of the business, which offers customers an alternative to Bell Atlantic and other other incumbent monopoly providers. Prior to joining CTSI, Gedrose, most recently was vice president/general manager with MFS Communications in Denver, Colorado. His experience additionally includes a variety of senior management positions with VMX, Inc.; Applied Voice Technology; Sprint Communications and US West in Seattle.

Gedrose holds a bachelor of science degree in economics from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. He resides in Shavertown with his wife, Callae.



forward defense forces.

Fritsch's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

The 1997 graduate of Parsippany High School of Parsippany, NJ, joined the Navy in May 1993. Fritsch is a 1993 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, with a BS degree.

For nearly 90 years the Snowdon family has been proud to offer personal service to area residents during their time of grief and bereavement. This family tradition continues with the announcement of **Brent Snowdon** joining the Snowdon Funeral Homes organization. Brent becomes the fourth generation of the Snowdon family to participate in the family owned business.

A long time resident of the Back Mountain, Brent Snowdon is a graduate of Dallas Area High School. He achieved honors while earning a B.A. in Communication from the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1992. Snowdon was a member of the Secondary School Committee and the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

"We are so pleased Brent has decided to join us," noted Harold C. "Rollie" Snowdon. "It is very important to us to continue to provide our friends and neighbors with personal, caring and professional service. Keeping our company family owned is part of our future."

Established in Wilkes-Barre in 1908 by J. William Snowdon, the Snowdon Funeral Homes have expanded over the past 90 years. Now with six locations in Wilkes-Barre, Kingston, Forty Fort, Shavertown, Scranton and Moscow.



Dental Society holds holiday brunch

Many local dentists from the Luzerne County Dental Society and their families recently enjoyed a festive holiday brunch held at the Huntsville Golf Club. Holiday music played throughout the event while children were entertained by Jazzbo the Clown. Santa Claus took time from his busy schedule to visit with the children and pass out gingerbread cookies and a special gift. Co-Chairman for the event were Jan Goeringer and Virginia Nahas.

Shown first row, from left: Eric Goeringer, Christine and Andrew Bergey, Marilyn Nahas. Second row: Herbie Nahas, Brian Goeringer, Jan Goeringer holding Adam Goeringer, Dr. Bruce Goeringer, Dr. John Miller, Lisa Miller, president of the Luzerne County Dental Alliance, holding Eric Miller and John Miller. Back row: Dr. Laurie Langan, Dr. David Bergey, president of the Luzerne County Dental Society, Santa, Dr. George Nahas, Virginia Nahas.

Harding is bank's top salesman

TRUCKSVILLE - Roger Harding of Dallas is currently the top cross-selling salesman at any Grange National Bank office. Harding has worked at the Trucksville branch since it opened and has been in banking a total of 19 years.

"I feel good about it. At first I was just trying to make extra money for Christmas and then I got into the competition," Harding said. His primary competition was Ann Ondish, also of the Trucksville branch. She came in a close second.



Dr. Hozempa in VISION USA program

Stanley T. Hozempa, O.D., of Shavertown is participating in VISION USA, a program which provides free eye care to people who cannot afford such services.

Through the program, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Optometric Association and the Pennsylvania Vision Conservation Institute, qualified low-income workers without health insurance that covers eye examinations and their families will receive free comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses, if needed, during Save Your Vision Week, March 1-7. Those interested in receiving eye care in March must apply in January to establish their eligibility.

Dr. Hozempa is one of 327 doctors of optometry who is participating in the 1998 VISION USA

program. In 1997, over 560 Pennsylvanians received eye care.

To qualify for the program, applicants must (1) have a job or live in a household where at least one person is working full- or part time; (2) not have health insurance that covers eye examinations; (3) have an income falling below an established level based on household size; and (4) not have had an eye examination during the past two years. Both children and adults are included in the program.

People who wish to participate in the program can obtain a mail-in application by contacting their local Salvation Army office, or by contacting the Association for the Blind executive office at (717) 234-3261 or their local member agency,

or by writing VISION USA at 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63141. These forms, which are available now, must be post-marked by January 23, 1998.

Applicants can also register by phone from January 2-30, 1998, by calling toll-free (800) 766-4466. Phone lines are open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Because the toll free number will be busy, participants are encouraged to use the mail-in application when possible.

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