

Vera Conden's 80th surprise birthday a huge family affair

A surprise 80th Birthday party was held for Vera Conden of Dallas at Emmanuel Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, Harveys Lake.

A good time was had by all. There were many mementoes and six generations of pictures on display.

Vera's granddaughter Donna McDermott offered a prayer of celebration for Vera's life and offered grace.

Boyd and Linda Barber sang a Easter song "Crying in the Garden" and "If We Never Meet Again this Side of Heaven."

Awards were given: traveled farthest, Cordes family; oldest grandchild, Kaye Cordes; grandchild married the longest, Marty Conden; grandchild married the shortest, Dee Dee Walsh; oldest great-grandchild, Sara Conden; youngest great grandchild.

Also, Jacob Michael Barber; youngest grandchild, Julia Conden; birthday closest to Vera's, Kaye Cordes; special survivor award, Bernie McDermott.

Vera has 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. James Madonna, Matthew and Kyle, Dallas; Mike, Jen, Garrett and Jacob Michael Barber, Stull; DeeDee, Cody, Kaylee, and Kiefer Walsh, Loyalville; Boyd, Linda and Steve Barber, Harveys Lake; Edith Costanzo, Dallas;

Also, Brenda and Alex Suder, Harveys Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cordes, Ringoes, NJ; Sharon and Butch Jennings, Plymouth.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Conden, Greg and Julia, Owego, NY; Sue, Sara and Mary Conden, Candor, NY; Tracy, Eric and Chelsea McDermott, Larksville; Bernie McDermott, Dallas; Donna McDermott, Shavertown; Joe Michael, Berwick.

Unfortunately, Marilyn and Richard Stevens, Henderson, NV were unable to attend but extended best wishes over the phone. Grandchildren in Florida, Virginia and Colorado offered their greetings.

Vera was the life of the party doing the jig and yodeling.

Also, Kaye Cordes was also recognized for her 40th birthday.



Trucksville UM elects officers/administration

The officers and members of the Administrative Council elected by the Trucksville United Methodist Church met recently to review the committee reports and plan the church programs for 1998. Officers of the council are: Morag Michael, Chair; George Baird, Vice Chair; Holly Daubert, Recording Secretary; Barbara Glowach, Financial Secretary; Joan Meehan, Business Manager; Margaret Johnson, Lay Leader; Evelyn Roberts, Lay Member to Annual Conference; and Committee Chairpersons Ray Metzgar Jr., Trustees, Owen Faut, Finance Committee; Linda Reedy, Pastor Parish Relations; Kim Socash, Christian Ed.; Andy Glowach, Spiritual Life; Louise Hazeltine, Missions; Betty June Mathers, Membership and Nurture; Rev. W. Charles Naugle is Pastor. Those attending the meeting were from left, row 1, Carol Hadsall, Roberts, Hazeltine, Daubert, Michael, Rev. Naugle, G. Baird, M. Johnson, Meehan; row 2, Pat Baird, Sharon Cosgrove, Clydette Wagner, Joyce Pace, Linda Gaylord, B.J. Mathers, Reedy, June Bennett, Tillie Croom, Lois Gross, Lorna Laskowski, Janet Evans, Elsie Johnson; row 3, Caitlin Bessmer, Paul Reinert, Austin Renville, Marguarette Renville, Erik Dingle, Marilyn Smith, Lee Smith, Walter Meade, Herbert Johnson; row 4, Walter Pichert, Ned Bessmer, Ron Gaylord, David Mathers, George Gaylord, Frank Billings, Wesley Pedrick, Margaret Pedrick, Metzgar Jr., Edward Johnson, William Bachman, Dennis Wagner.

Seder meal to be held March 15

Rev. Dan Miller, the pastor of the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville, invites the public to a Seder meal on Sunday, March 15, 5 p.m. at the Appletree Terrace, Dallas.

Mitch Forman, the guest speaker at the dinner, is an evangelist with the Jews for Jesus organization in New York City. Jews for Jesus is an agency which proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world.

Rev. Miller encourages the public to attend this event free of charge, but your reservation must be made in advance. Please contact the church office at 696-1128 to reserve your place at our Seder meal, or if you need additional information.

Dallas UM Women to meet March 17

The Dallas United Methodist Women will have their March meeting on Tues., March 17 at 1 p.m. at the Dallas Church at 4 Parsonage St., Dallas.

Invitations have been sent to all Back Mountain Methodist Women to join them for desserts followed by a program entitled "A Visit With Mary Magdalene" to be presented by Catherine Bolinski.

Hostesses will be Emmajean Pittman and Margaret Baker assisted by all women of the organization.

Business meeting will follow with Margaret Baker, president, presiding.

Please call in reservations no later than March 12 to 675-0561, (M. Baker).

Enviro. programs at Frances Slocum

Frances Slocum State Park is once again offering free Environmental Education programs for any interested Schools or Organizations. Outdoor field learning experiences are available for preschool through adult. Most field learning activities are designed to develop environmental awareness, knowledge, values and problem solving. The Park also features programs developed around local Native American history. Many of the activities can be adapted to the classroom if traveling to the Park is too difficult. If you would like to pre-register your group or need more information please call the Park Naturalist Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

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 Back Mountain Center is located at 22 Rice Street, Dallas. Call 675-2179 for information.

The following menu is for the week of March 16. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Hearty beef stew, spiced apples, hot buttermilk biscuit, V8 juice, sherbert.

TUESDAY - St. Patrick's Day Special - Baked ham w/cabbage, parslid potatoes, buttered carrots, dinner roll, cookie w/chocolate ice cream.

WEDNESDAY - Turkey divan, seasoned rice, sliced beets, whole wheat bread, vanilla wafers.

THURSDAY - Stuffed peppers w/tomato sauce, whipped potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding, mustard.

FRIDAY - Crab cakes, au gratin potatoes, carrots, cranberry juice, dinner roll, oatmeal cookie, tartar sauce.



St. Patrick's Day dinner March 15

St. Patrick's Day Ham and Cabbage Dinner at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Route 29, Lake Silkworth will be held on Sun., March 15 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The cost is adults \$6; children \$4; children under five are free. Takeouts will be available. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Women's Society officers, are, from left, Holly Van Scoy, vice president; Kathy Sukaloski, secretary; Father Thomas Hudak; Mary Joe Casaldi, treasurer; Judith Davis, president.

Boy Scout units in area looking for new members

It's never too late to join Scouting. If your son is between 1st grade and 5th grade he can join Cub Scouts and if he's between 6th and 8th grade he can join Boy Scouts.

The following list shows the many units in your area and the leaders phone numbers.

Please contact the nearest unit for more information.

Scout Troop meetings, Dallas and Lake-Lehman School District:

Troop 155, Charles Stajewski, 675-5804, Trucksville Methodist Church (Educational Bldg.) Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Troop 232, Peter Sarmonis, 675-2729, Gate of Heaven Church, Sunday, 4-6 p.m.

Troop 241, Mark Kapitula, 779-4091, Lehman Methodist Church, Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Troop 281, Dave Neiman, 675-6415, Dallas Methodist Church, Thursday, 7:30-9 p.m.

Troop 444, Alan Stroud, 675-4466, Church of Christ, Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m.

Troop 693, John Pimm, 639-5158, Ruggles Methodist Church, Friday, 6:30-8 p.m.

Cub Scout meetings, Dallas and Lake-Lehman School District:

Troop 155, Dave Brakefield, 696-2956, Trucksville Methodist Church (Education Bldg.), 3rd Friday, 7-9 p.m.

Troop 232, Marianne Ostrowsky, 333-1011, Gate of Heaven School, 3rd Friday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Troop 241, Mark Kapitula, 779-4091, Lehman-Jackson Elem. School, 3rd Friday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Troop 281, Albert Kornak, 696-2514, Dallas Middle School, 3rd Friday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Finally, Troop 693, John Pimm, 639-5158, Lake-Noxen Elem. School, last Tuesday, 6-7 p.m.

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 School 9:45 a.m. Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor. Phone 675-3859 for more information. Everyone Welcome!

Hand nominated for Governor's Award

State Rep. Phyllis Mundy and state Sen. Charles Lemmond recently nominated Sue Hand, Dallas, for the arts leadership and service category of the 1998 Governor's Awards for the Arts.

The Arts Leadership and Service Award recognizes an individual, organization or group for outstanding contributions to arts leadership and services.

"As an accomplished artist, lecturer and teacher, Sue has used her talents to enrich the lives of youth and strengthen communities throughout northeastern Pennsylvania," said Mundy. "I am very proud in joining Senator Lemmond in nominating Sue Hand for this prestigious arts award."

Hand earned an art education degree from Kutztown University in 1967 and is an active educator. She has continued her own education by studying with renowned artists and, in turn, has educated students over the past 35 years. She also has served as a guest lecturer for many professional, educational, civic, social and

religious groups.

Additionally, Hand has produced more than 500 paid commissioned works for businesses, education, religious and nonprofit institutions and individual collectors. Her works are included in public and private art collections in nearly every state in the country, as well as nine foreign countries. She also has donated many works of art to nonprofit organizations.

Instrumental in encouraging the participation of young people in the arts, Hand has sponsored and directed the Suzanne Maria Rosetti Memorial Juried Art Contest for seventh grade through 12th grade students for the past 17 years. She also has used her artistic talents to benefit local communities by donating paintings and proceeds at the Back Mountain Library Auction and at the Northeast Pennsylvania

Flower Show to benefit the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

Creating primarily with watercolor, acrylic, casein, ink and alkyd, Hand also works in and teaches all fine art drawing and painting media. Her artwork has been exhibited in numerous solo, two and three-person shows, group art exhibits and juried and invitational exhibits. One of her current projects, the "Millennium Collection," will result in an exhibit of 366 drawings and paintings of northeastern Pennsylvania, one for each day in the year 2000.

"Sue is a uniquely talented, inspirational and dedicated artist, lecturer, teacher and community-minded individual who has certainly earned this nomination for the Arts Leadership and Service Award," said Mundy.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts, initiated in 1996, recognize the individuals and organizations which make the Commonwealth a leader in the cultural life of the nation.



SUE HAND



Lake Silkworth Lions hold dinner

The Lake Silkworth Area Lions met recently at the Red Rooster Restaurant, Pikes Creek, for a dinner meeting. Special dinner guests were representatives from the fire companies and the ambulance associations from the surrounding communities. Certificates of Appreciation and monetary donations are presented annually to Lake Silkworth, Sweet Valley and Fairmount Township Fire and Ambulance Associations. From left: Don Kivler and Bill Lathrop representing Lake Silkworth; Rita Stefanowicz, Lake Silkworth Area Lions Club president; Joe and Lois Boiwka representing Fairmount Township. Absent from the picture were Bob and Alice Walsh of the Sweet Valley Fire and Ambulance Associations, who were out on an emergency call.

Dance for Heart to be held April 4

The American Heart Association, Luzerne County Division, recently held a planning meeting for its 16th annual "Dance For Heart" event, to be held on Sat., April 4 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman.

Volunteer committee members representing area fitness and aerobics clubs/organizations met to discuss planning details surrounding the fund raising event, in which participants raise money through pledges to benefit the American Heart Association, Luzerne County Division.

Well-known fitness video instructor, Petra Kolber, will lead a hi/low and step aerobics workout during this year's "Dance For Heart."

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