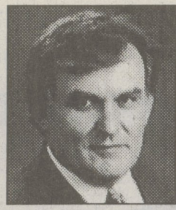


Dr. George Cimochofski is awarded U.S. Patent

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Chief of Cardiac Surgery, George E. Cimochofski, M.D. has been awarded a United States Patent for a monitoring device which could eliminate the need for invasive procedures such as cardiac catheterizations for a significant number of cardiac patients each year.



George Cimochofski

The implantable device is an ultrasonic sensor for monitoring the condition of a vascular graft and was developed by Back Mountain resident Dr. Cimochofski together with George W. Keilman, Ph.D., of Seattle, Washington. "In essence, the sensor, which will be implanted under the skin, will measure the blood flow in a patient's vessels and grafts and

transmit that information via a wireless radio link to a small, portable monitor that analyzes and records the data," explains Dr. Cimochofski. "That information provides timely insight into a patient's condition and can be used to compare any prior patient results."

Previous to the invention of this device, blood flow could only be checked through cardiac catheterization. "Now patients will have that information monitored simply and without surgery such as an invasive procedure—right in their physician's office," adds Dr. Cimochofski.

"This reduces all pain and risks to the patient, and eliminates the costs associated with an invasive procedure."

The implantable ultrasonic sensor is currently under development and will be made available by VascuSense, Inc., a new medical device company.



Sponsor for a Day program a success

A reception for Sponsors who contributed to the 1998 Sponsor for a Day Campaign was recently held at the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre. The contributors were welcomed by Joseph A. Frank, Chairman, Advisory Board. He said the kitchen continues to serve a daily meal for 350-400 guests each day. Anne Marie McCawley, Kitchen Coordinator, acknowledged the support received from the sponsors and expressed her deep appreciation for the work of the volunteers who make all of the difference in preparing and serving the daily meal. Each day, 10 to 12 volunteers help prepare the meal, clean the vegetables, slice the desserts, and serve the meal; all of which would not be possible without their assistance. More than 110,000 meals were served in addition to the 4,000 to 5,000 families that were served with emergency food stuffs from the food pantry and basic clothing from the clothing room, also located on Kitchen Campus.

Mrs. McCawley introduced Mrs. Maureen Moran, Dallas resident, the 1998 Sponsor for a Day Campaign Chairperson. In presenting the campaign report, Mrs. Moran stated that 1,160 responded to this year's campaign, an increase of 200 from last year, with a goal of \$120,000 being exceeded. In recognition of Mrs. Moran's work and leadership, a print was presented in remembrance of the 1998 Campaign. Pictured, from left, Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews, Founder; Mrs. Anne Marie McCawley, Kitchen Coordinator; Joseph A. Frank, Chairman Advisory Board; Maureen Moran; Jack Moran.

Stephen Ruch celebrates his 6th birthday

Stephen Ruch, son of Ted and Dianne Ruch, Dallas, celebrated his sixth birthday on Monday, Nov. 9.

Stephen is the grandson of Stephen and Joan Tometchko, Dallas and Robert and Lorraine Ruch, Media. He is the great grandson of Eva Tometchko, Larksville; Dorothy Ruch, Kingston and Mary Krostag, Media. Stephen has an older brother, Matthew who is nine years old.

Stephen shares his special day with his parents who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on November 9.



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Women's Club gives to library

Shirley Forney presented a check for \$300 from the Dallas Women's Club to Martha Butler, library director at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The Women's Club fulfilled a commitment to provide funding for the new children's wing.

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.

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Dallas Women's club to meet Nov. 12

The November monthly meeting of the Dallas Area Federated Women's Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Apple Tree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Program will be a craft demonstration by club members Susan Dauksis and Maryan Daily.

Int'l. Club to hold potluck dinner

The International Club at College Misericordia will hold its fourth annual potluck dinner Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 6-8 p.m. The dinner is open to the public and will feature a variety of diverse and ethnic foods. Dinner guests are asked to bring a covered dish or buy a ticket. Tickets are \$5 per person, \$3 per student.

The dinner will be held in Kennedy Lounge, Merrick Hall. Reservations must be made by Nov. 15. Tickets will also be available at the door. For reservations or more information call 674-8087 or 674-6452.

Bill Frye to sing at library for Children's Book Week

Sing along with Bill Frye as the Back Mountain Memorial Library celebrates Children's Book Week with this lively family event, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Children's Room of the library.

Bill rouses his audiences to join him in singing songs they know by heart. He accompanies many of the songs with a rhythmic strum on his guitar and audiences sing, clap, dance, laugh and become part of the show. It's a fast-paced hour, filled with a variety of musical activities.

People have described his performances as exceptional and Bill as captivating when entertaining children. Bill wrote and recorded the theme song for next summer's Pennsylvania Library Association statewide children's reading program. He works with children's libraries, local school districts, camps and children's health care facilities.



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