

Nancy

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"Nancy started working at the library in 1968, six months before I was hired," said Rudolph. "Through the years, she was involved in every phase of the library and was always enthusiastic about its development."

Bernie Matchett has volunteered at the library and its annual auction since 1980. She recalls a day when Nancy drove to downtown Wilkes-Barre in a brand new car that had been donated to the auction. "She wasn't satisfied with the number of raffle tickets which had been sold, so she got behind the wheel and drove to Public Square to sell them herself," said Matchett.

Martha Butler, Library Director, was often impressed by Nancy's ability to take charge. "She was excellent, anything she was ever asked to do was done professionally and with care," said Butler.

"Nancy worked so hard. She was really a pillar of the community," said Dr. Craig Aicher, who is a former Auction Chairman and a member of the library's board of directors. "I worked with her at the library of course, but she was also a member of our bowling league and she sat just a few rows from us at church," he said.

Nancy was an active member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church. She will be remembered as a kind person who generously gave of her time and talent. "Nancy was our assistant treasurer, she would come in two days a week and pay all the bills. She was also in charge of coordinating a group of Scripture readers, finding volunteers and sending notes to remind everyone of their turn," said Linda Kelly.

Always a creature of habit, Nancy had a morning ritual which included a daily stop at Friendly's Restaurant. "We all knew her. She would sit in booth 48 every morning and drink her coffee while

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Marilyn Rudolph
Co-worker since 1980

doing the daily crossword puzzle," said Gayle Kruper, supervisor. "She came in every day for 25 or 30 years, so she was a fixture here."

In fact, when Nancy didn't show up for work at the library Saturday morning, a co-worker called Friendly's to see if she had been there.

Nancy was devoted to the library, church and community but she held her family most dear. "People used to say that you could not talk to Nancy for five minutes without hearing about her grandchildren. They were her pride and joy," said Marilyn Rudolph.

Co-workers and friends were united in their grief as word spread about Nancy. "We are going to miss her," said Gayle Kruper of Friendly's.

"Her passing leaves a void that will not be easily filled," said Martha Butler, Library Director.

"It has been a long, terrible weekend. I am just glad the sun has come out today," said long-time friend Marilyn Rudolph.

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Dr. Craig Aicher
Library board member

Missionary

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the Millers at first did not recognize her as she walked down the ramp. "I think she has come back more grown up," says her mother. The Miller family and Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, where her father is pastor, hope to host one of the Peruvians, Juan Carlos Enriques Diaz, this summer.

Becqui Miller will be attending College Misericordia this fall, and plans to study nursing in order to become a nurse practitioner. She hopes to continue traveling on missionary trips, in order to save both souls and bodies.

She encourages everyone to make similar trips. "You'll come back changed," notes Becqui. After witnessing the lives people there lead, she honestly feels grateful for what she has.

"It was hard to leave." Despite the hardships of the trip, Becqui proudly says, "I'd go back in a second."



Becqui Miller posed with Juan Carlos Enriques Diaz, who will visit the Back Mountain this summer.



As part of her mission, Becqui Miller helped serve more than 800 people who came for medical care.

Recess

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the day is too long a period for them to concentrate without an opportunity to run around and be refreshed," said Bonnie Palmatier, first grade teacher at Westmoreland Elementary.

Another teacher reported that students often learn valuable lessons while on the playground. "I have seen children organize soccer, basketball and baseball games during recess. They play tag and jump rope. Often this is the only opportunity many students have to interact with their peers, to socialize and to experience some relief from the pressures of the curriculum," said Kim Socash who teaches kindergarten at Westmoreland Elementary.

Ellen Nagy, school board member, said numerous parents have indicated to her that they believe the 30 minute recess is excessive. "Many people think the recess is too long, the kids are too rough, they get too sweaty and that these factors make learning difficult," said Nagy.

Dallas Elementary School parents have formed a volunteer group to serve as monitors during recess periods in an attempt to prevent rough play. "I haven't seen kicking or pushing on the playground," said Cathy Polachek who volunteers to supervise play periods at the elementary school. "Recess time just flies by and the children really enjoy it."

The school board voted to establish the recess policy despite some concern that children lose approximately 40 hours instructional time over the course of a school year. "In a world in which our kids are growing up too fast, this policy allows them to be children a little longer," said board member Frank Natitus.

The second half of the day is too long a period for them to concentrate without an opportunity to run around and be refreshed."

Bonnie Palmatier
Westmoreland Elementary teacher

Republican breakfast April 24 at Irem

The 5th Republican Legislative District of Luzerne County will hold its annual Spring Breakfast at the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas on Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m.

The event will be attended by candidates for county commissioner, district attorney and judges of Luzerne County. In addition, candidates for borough council, township supervisor, district justice and area school boards will be in attendance.

This year's guest speaker will be Senator Charles Lemmond, 20th District. Senator Lemmond has served in the Pennsylvania Senate since 1985 serving the counties of Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming.

Anyone wishing to attend the breakfast or receive additional tickets can contact 5th District Chairman Tom Reese at 675-5929. Ticket price is \$10.

L-L Class of 1979 plans reunion

The Lake-Lehman Class of 1979 is planning a 20 year reunion to be held at the East Mountain Inn on July 17, 1999. We are now in the process of obtaining a current address and phone number for each classmate. If you are a member of the Class of 1979 or know of anyone who lives out of the area who may be interested, please call class secretary Suzanne (Hudak) Rismondo at 675-7505 or 826-4609 with any information. It would be greatly appreciated.

Seniors group will meet April 22

The Back Mountain Seniors met April 8 at 1 p.m. with Kay Hudak presiding.

Members are reminded to attend the Inter Faith Tea on April 15 at 1 p.m. at St. John's Church, N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Most of last year's committee chairmen are returning to their positions. The club president extends many thanks to these individuals for their hard work and commitment.

The next meeting will be held April 22.

New members are welcome. Contact Kay Hudak at 675-5060.

Hayfield Poetry Festival April 24

The 16th annual Hayfield Poetry Festival will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in Hayfield House at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman.

Sarah Cotterill and Philip Brady are the featured poets. The poetry workshops beginning at 9 a.m. in Hayfield House are free, but are limited to 15 participants and require pre-registration. A complimentary brunch will be provided for those who participate in workshops. The afternoon session features poetry readings by the authors in the community room of Hayfield House. These are also free and open to the public. A book signing and reception will conclude the program.

For more information, or a registration form, please call Dr. David Chin at 675-9247 or e-mail to dpc5@psu.edu.

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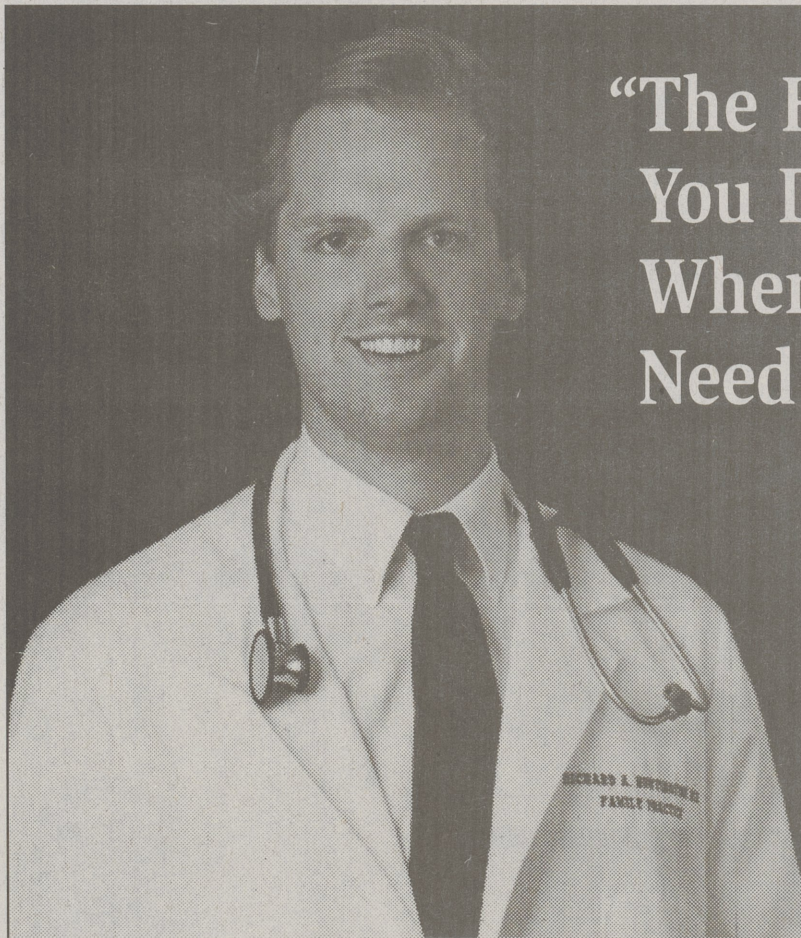
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