

Timbering

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ated by large movements of earth.

Timber harvesters must create an erosion control plan for the areas they plan to work. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan application lists the kinds of soil found on the property, as well as the slope of the land, and any measures the contractors will take to prevent a problem. Contractors can use both temporary and permanent measures to protect the soil, and large operations can require elaborate plans designed by an engineer. Many problems can be prevented by placing and building logging roads away from watery areas as much as possible. Harvesting during wet seasons also creates problems, so many contractors choose to work during the winter when the ground is frozen.

The LCCD hopes that parties involved in large earth moving activities would voluntarily submit an erosion control plan. "It makes for a better relationship," said Fedak. The LCCD receives plans only if parties submit them voluntarily, if the municipality they are working in requires them, or if the amount of affected land is high enough for the state to require the plans. So far, she said, the harvesting in Lehman and Jackson townships has been going smoothly. Of the several thousand acres that could be harvested, about 275 acres in four parcels are listed on the applications. Timbering in Jackson Township, which started in 1998 was completed in February, said John Krupa, Zoning Officer and Building Inspector for the township. Timbering in Lehman Township began in 1999.

Most of the LCCD monitoring work is started by complaints. When a complaint is received, an inspector will ask for the location and specific information about the violation. An inspector will walk around the site, take pictures,

"These areas are of special interest because of their location near reservoirs."

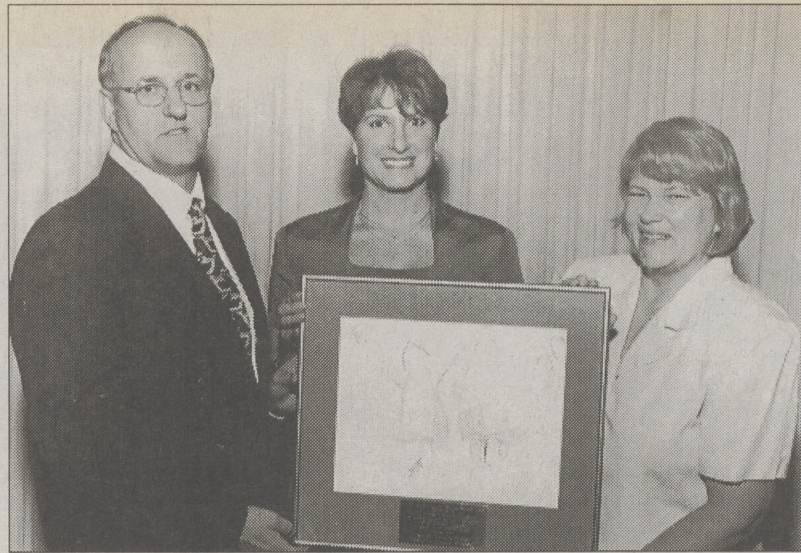
Pamela Fedak
Luzerne County
Conservation District

and talk with the contractor, and state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Fish and Boat Commission if necessary. The inspector will come back to the site for re-inspection, and work with the offender to maintain compliance.

David Sutton, a member of the Lehman Township board of supervisors, said that enough restrictions are already in place to maintain the environment. Jackson Township does not have any specific restrictions, other than requiring a bond issue by contractors to pay for damage caused to the roadways.

The conflict between a landowner's right to do what they want with their land and the need to preserve the environment can move a community to action, but Luzerne County has not moved as quickly as other counties to form watershed groups, said Fedak. "Concerned people keep everyone on their toes. If citizens are unhappy, they need to get the facts and learn the laws. They need to make sure the laws are being enforced." Also, she says doing research will give citizens credibility when going to their municipal leaders. "Education is the key," she said.

The LCCD has several programs to educate both children and adults about the problems of soil erosion and waterway pollution. For information, call 674-7991.



Accepting the Outstanding Community Service Award for Offset Paperback Manufacturers are, from left, Joseph Makarewicz, Executive Vice President and Diane Watchlonis, Assistant Marketing Director, with Sue Matteo, Head Start Lake-Lehman Center Manager.

County Head Start honors Offset Paperback

Luzerne County Head Start, Inc. recently held an anniversary celebration in recognition of their 35 years of service to children and families in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties.

Offset Paperback Manufacturers, Dallas was honored for its generosity and caring for the children and families of Head Start. The company and its employees sponsored special programs at the Lake-Lehman Head Start center.

Head Start also honored 32 staff members who attained 25, 20, 15, 10, and 5 years of employment, noting that they total 321 years of service and dedication.

Head Start will culminate its

35th anniversary year in September with a program by internationally known child development expert, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton. Dr. Brazelton will present a program on "Stresses and Supports for Today's Families" at the Kirby Center on Tuesday, September 19.

The local early childhood development organization was one of the first Head Start programs funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 1965. Since that time, they have provided educational, social, health, nutritional, and specialized services for over 13,000 children in the two counties.

BIRTHS

NESBITT HOSPITAL

ARNDT, Thomas and Sarah of Harveys Lake, a daughter, May 25, 2000.

SAGLIOCCO, Primo and Kristan of Trucksville, a son, May 25, 2000.

STOSS, Richard Jr. and Heather of Dallas, a daughter, June 8, 2000.

ZAWATSKI, Joseph and Kathy of Shavertown, a son, June 13, 2000.

KOLOJECHICK, Mark and Alison of Trucksville, a son, June 14, 2000.

GEISINGER WYOMING VALLEY

STANSKI, Robert and Susan of Harveys Lake a son, June 10, 2000.

BIALKO, John and Laurie of Sweet Valley, a daughter, June 11, 2000.

Chacko to compete in national veterans wheelchair games

The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association (EPVA) is sponsoring Andrew Chacko for the 20th National Veterans Wheelchair Games being held in San Antonio, Texas from July 4-8. The Dallas resident will be one of eighty-seven athletes the organization will be sponsoring for the games.

Chacko will be competing in Air Guns, Bowling, Motorized Rally and Billiards.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest wheelchair sporting event in the United States. Approximately 700 ath-

letes from all over the United States, Puerto Rico and Great Britain will be competing at the games in San Antonio.

EPVA, the largest chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, was founded in 1946 to serve the needs of paralyzed veterans in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. EPVA is dedicated to enhancing the lives of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease by assuring quality healthcare, promoting research and advocating for civil rights and independence.

Szyna painting exhibition opens July 5

An exhibition of the paintings of Andrzej Szyna, a visiting artist from Jodlowa, Poland, will open July 5 in the MacDonald Art Gallery at College Misericordia.

The exhibition will be open through July 30 at regular hours and in August by appointment. The Gallery reopens for hours in September, and the Szyna show will continue through September 30.

A Meet the Artist Reception will

be held Sunday, September 10 from 2-5 p.m. in the Gallery, when Szyna returns from Poland.

Andrzej Szyna uses a pointillism technique to execute oil paintings with both realistic and abstract themes. In 1994 and 1996, Szyna received first prize in the Southeast Regional Art Exhibit in Tarnow, Poland. He received first and second place awards at the Fine Arts fiesta in Wilkes-Barre in 1999 and 2000.

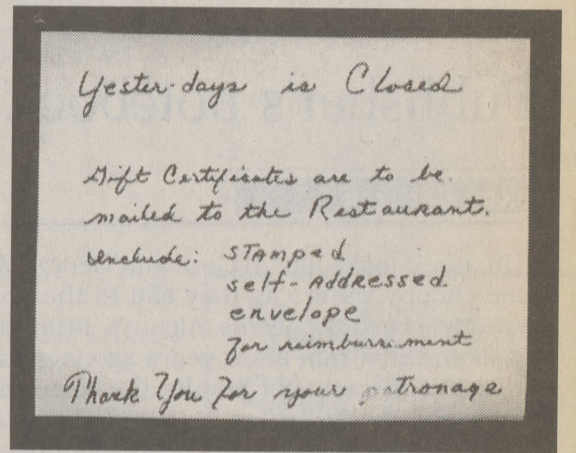
Blood drive at Meadows Nursing Center July 5

The Meadows Nursing Center will sponsor an American Red Cross Drive in the center's Multi Purpose Room, first floor, on Wednesday, July 5, from 1-6 p.m. Community members are invited to donate at the Center. For information, call 675-8600, Ext. 138. A free "Holiday Hero" T-Shirt will be given to all who donate.

Yester-Day's closes suddenly

One of the most popular restaurants in the Back Mountain closed its doors last week. Yester-Days was a difficult place to get a reservation simply because happy regular customers kept coming back. But the popularity took its toll, and Mrs.

Christine Klug, one of the owners, said that after 20 years, it was time to pursue other business endeavors. A sign posted on the front door gave directions for anyone who wanted to redeem a gift certificate.



New 4-H club to begin in October

Penn State Cooperative Extension Luzerne County 4-H is now accepting enrollment for a new 4-H club to begin in October. The club will meet on the first Thursday of the month, beginning in October from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 180 East Center Street in Shavertown.

Any child who is age 8 by January 1 of the current year and not nineteen years old by January 1 are welcome to join. There is no charge to join the club. The new club's leader will be Nancy Dunne, a Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardener.

One of the focuses of this new club is food, and the interdependence of food, land and people. Activities will focus on the home and the community. One of the craft activities will include making a year round wreath for the home.

In Pennsylvania over 123,000 youth are enrolled in 4-H youth development programs. 4-H is an educational program provided through Penn State Cooperative Extension in each of the state's 67 counties. To enroll in this new club, contact Mary Ehret at the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at 602-0600.

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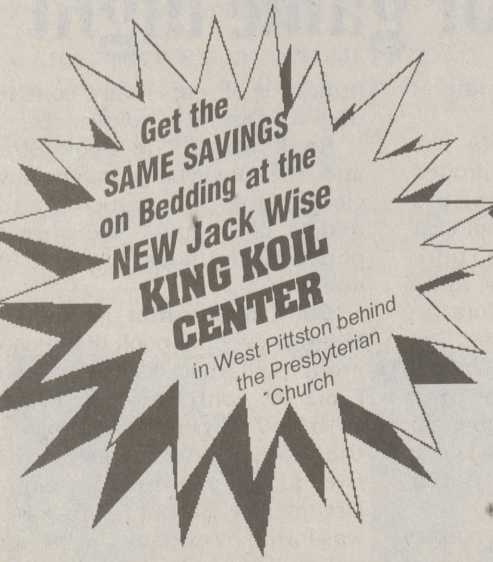
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