

Senior Girl Scout Troop 665 offers gift wrapping, babysitting services

Senior Girl Scout Troop 665 of Dallas is offering holiday gift wrapping and babysitting services Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Dallas United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Gift wrapping services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday paper, bow and tags will be provided - you provide the gift and box. Gifts may either be dropped off, or can be wrapped while you wait. Donations will be gladly accepted.

Babysitting services will also be available for mothers or fa-

thers who would like a few hours to spend shopping without their children. There are two sessions available for children 4-12 years old. Session 1 is from 9 a.m.-12 noon, and session 2 is from 1-4 p.m.. Price per child is \$5/session, and includes activities and snack. To make reservations, call Katie at 696-2429. The maximum number of children is 15 per session.

All proceeds from the holiday services offered will be used towards yearly troop activities

Dog biscuit fundraiser by Senior Girl Scouts

Senior Girl Scout Troop #665 of Dallas will be holding a homemade dog biscuit sale on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Thomas's Market in Shavertown. Three different varieties of dog biscuits will be packaged and ready for holiday gift giving. The dog biscuit varieties available will be: Regular, Peanut Butter, and Carob. The profits will be used for yearly troop activities.



First Union donates to Meadows

The First Union National Bank's Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to the Rev. Jule Ayers' "Friends of EEI" (Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc.) annual appeal. The donation will be used to assist the Meadows Nursing Center and the Meadows Manor in Dallas in purchasing needed equipment and amenities for guests.

At the check presentation, left to right: Carl Noto, Executive Director of EEI; Robert D. Richardson, First Union Area Executive Officer; Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews, co-founder and President EEI Board of Directors; Vince Nobile, First Union Vice President; and Ray Condo, Consulting Director of EEI.

Call for Red Cross blood-drive volunteers

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to assist with blood drives. Non-professional volunteers are needed for pre-screening of donors, registration of donors, blood bag preparation, and to serve as canteen workers. Professionals are needed to help with health history, hemoglobin counts, and temperatures. If you are a registered nurse (RN), a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a graduate nurse, an EMT, LMT, or third- or fourth-year nursing student, please consider volunteering. Blood drives will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Dallas United Methodist Church on Parsonage St. in Dallas from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Lake Noxen Elementary School, West Point Ave., Harveys Lake, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Literacy volunteers to hold holiday luncheon

The Wyoming Valley Literacy Volunteers will hold their annual holiday luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Perugino's in Luzerne. Volunteers, students, family and friends are all welcome. Reservations should be made by December 9 by calling the Literacy Office, 287-2013, or Marge Petroski at 287-6342.

Holiday show at Trucksville Nursery

The Trucksville Nursery School Parent Enrichment Group would like to invite you and your children to our annual performance of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". It will be held at the Trucksville Nursery School located at 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville on Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. There will be a special guest who will stay after the show so all the children can tell him their Christmas wishes.

All children attending the performance will receive a coupon for a small fry from McDonald's and a candy cane. Admission is free. Any questions please call 696-3899.

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Back Mountain members of the "Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus." From left, seated: Phil Brown, Shavertown; Marty Wise, Wyoming; Kenneth Repsher, West Pittston; Ted Rebennack, Shavertown. Standing: Charlie Davenport, Shavertown, and Robert Carey, Trucksville. Not shown: Joe Fry, Trucksville, and Harry Howell, Dallas.

SPEBSQSA to hold Christmas Concert

The 4th annual Christmas Concert sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 408 Wyoming Ave., West Pittston. The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. with the Harmony Chorus. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, and will be available from SPEBSQSA members, the

First United Methodist Church, or at the door. For more information, call William A. Zdanczewicz, Chapter Program Vice-President, at 287-2476.

The local SPEBSQSA Chapter is also preparing to go caroling at nursing homes on Sunday, Dec. 17, and men who are interested in participating are invited to attend the weekly rehearsals on Monday from 8-9 p.m. at St. Clement/Peter Episcopal Church on Hanover Street in Wilkes-Barre.

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 following is the menu for the week of Dec. 7-13, 2000. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Baked ham w/ fruit sauce, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, pineapple juice, chilled pears.

FRIDAY: Seafood casserole,

parsley boiled potatoes, spinach, lemon, rye bread, cranberry juice, banana.

MONDAY: Honey stung pork chop w/ sweet & sour sauce over rice, oriental vegetables, butternut squash, pineapple juice, whole wheat bread, orange sherbet.

TUESDAY: Scalloped turkey over stuffing w/gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas, white bread, grapefruit juice, chocolate brownie.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken parnigiana, pasta w/tomato sauce, broccoli & cauliflower medley, italian bread, parmesan cheese, chilled pineapple.

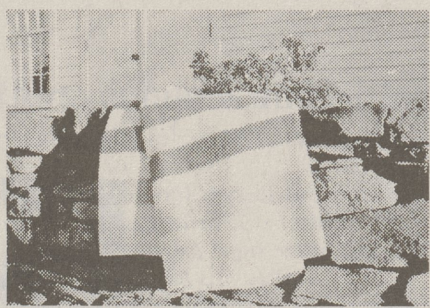
Gift-wrapping by Cub Scout Pack #233

Do your shopping and leave the wrapping to us! Cub Scout Pack #233 from The Shavertown United Methodist Church will be conducting a Santa's Workshop on Friday, Dec. 8, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults of the Pack will be wrapping gifts for the public. The cost is 10 cents per linear inch (largest dimension of the package/container) which includes the wrapping paper, wrapping, ribbon, bow, and gift tag. Customers will be handled first-come, first-served. The Santa's Workshop will be held in the Basement Social room of the Shavertown United Methodist Church on Pioneer Ave.

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Christmas Candlelight Tours at the Forty Fort Meeting House and Swetland Homestead

The Luzerne County Historical Society and the Forty Fort Meeting House are hosting their annual Christmas Candlelight Tours at the Swetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, and the Forty Fort Meeting House, River St. and Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, through Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. each night. Admission to the Swetland Homestead \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

Admission to the Forty Fort Meeting House is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. There is a discount of \$1 off if visiting both sites. No reservations are neces-

sary.

There will be refreshments and musical entertainment each night. At the Swetland Homestead: Dec. 6, Jean, Ben, and Lucy Warrington, violin, cello, guitar; Dec. 7, Erin Kelleher, violin; Dec. 8, Diane O'Malley, harp. At the Forty Fort Meeting House: Dec. 6-7, to be announced; Dec. 8 from 8 to 9 p.m., College Misericordia Chamber Choir and Wyoming Seminary Madrigals.

For more information, call the Luzerne County Historical Society at 823-6244, or the Swetland Homestead at 693-2740.

UGI grant available to families in need

UGI Utilities, Inc. Electric Division is helping eligible customers apply for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding for assistance with heating bills. LIHEAP is a grant, not a loan, intended to assist families in financial need with paying their heating bills. The average grant amount is expected to be \$220.

UGI customers whose annual income falls within the eligibility rules established by the state government should call UGI's toll free phone number for LIHEAP application assistance: 1-800-UGI-WARM (1-800-844-9276). UGI will mail applications to eligible callers. Completed forms must be submitted to your local Public Wel-

fare office. In addition to the LIHEAP application, customers must provide proof of income, a recent heating bill, and names, birth dates and Social Security Numbers of all people living in their household. Applications are due in local Public Welfare offices by January 31, 2001 for the cash program and by March 15, 2001 for the crisis program.

UGI customers who have a problem at any time paying their electric bills are encouraged to contact UGI for information on assistance programs and payment arrangements.

UGI's Electrical Division office is located in the Hanover Industrial Estates, Wilkes-Barre.

W-B Ass'n for the Blind annual campaign

The annual campaign of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind is underway. A goal of \$50,000 has been set for the "I/ Eye Care Appeal." Funds will be used to expand activities in the areas of rehabilitation teaching, educational and outreach programs, and pre-school vision screenings.

The Blind Association is not a United Way Member, so relies on private contributions, bequests and memorial donations. Donations may be mailed to: Association for the Blind, Kirby Health Center Annex, 63 North Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA., 18701.

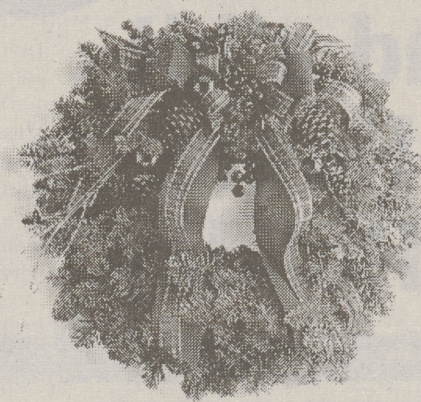
Pictured, from left: Thomas R. Robinson, President of campaign consultants TRR & Associates, Dr. Ron Petrilla, Executive Direc-



tor of the Blind Association, Marilyn Maslow, Member of the Board of Directors and Appeal Chairperson, Lou Goeringer, President of the Board, and Bobbi Steever, TRR & Associates.

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