



Skibinski siblings celebrate birthdays

Jared Michael and Nadia Anne Skibinski, children of Trena and Gregory Skibinski of Allentown, celebrated their birthdays. Jared celebrated his 3rd birthday on Sept. 1 and Nadia is celebrating her 1st birthday on Sept. 20. They are the grandchildren of Albert and Marie Komski Cigarski of Shavertown, and John and

Judy Bernardi Skibinski of West Wyoming. Their great grandparents are the late Benedict and Victoria Altavilla Komski of Wilkes-Barre, the late Albert and Lucy Syroid Cigarski of Shavertown, the late Raymond and Rose Bernardi of Pittston, and the late Joseph and Helen Skibinski of Wyoming.

Hand to exhibit in Wyoming County

Dallas artist Sue Hand will exhibit over 30 of her most recent watercolors at the Wyoming County Courthouse from Sept. 21 thru late Dec.

The exhibit, 'Tunkhannock and It's Neighbors,' features paintings completed during the past six months. The majority of the exhibit will be scenery from Wyoming County. A few paintings will feature landscapes from the neighboring counties of

Susquehanna and Luzerne, including a scene from Hand's backyard in Dallas.

The public is invited to a meet-the-artist reception on Fri., Sept. 21 from 4-7 p.m. at the Wyoming County Courthouse. At 5:30 p.m., Sue Hand will speak and tell stories of how she created the artworks. The exhibit may be viewed until Christmas during regular courthouse business hours.

Dance Sept. 22 at HL Legion

American Legion Post 967, Harveys Lake, is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Sept. 22. The renowned DJ, Sound Doctor, will provide entertainment. The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Contact Post Commander Larry Lucarino for details at 639-2122.

Rev. Gommer to speak at Huntsville UMC

On Tue., Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. the Huntsville United Methodist Women of the Huntsville United Methodist Church, Shavertown, are having the Rev. Craig Gommer as their guest speaker. The topic will be on his recent trip to Russia and the struggle of the orphans and the Russian people.

Rev. Gommer is the pastor at the Plains United Methodist Church and Bennett Derr United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Women from the Back Mountain are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

McAuley House sponsors program

The Catherine McAuley House will sponsor the 'Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program' to help women and children in need for the holidays.

For individuals/families/organizations/business who are interested in participating in the program contact the Adopt-A-Family coordinator at the Catherine McAuley House, 121 Church St., Plymouth, Pa., phone 779-2801. Monetary donations are also accepted.

For families who are interested in signing up for the program, in person registration will be on Mon. and Thu. from 1-5 p.m. from Oct. 22 to Nov. 1 or until the predetermined quota is met. Written proof of dollar income is mandatory and registration will not take place without this information; picture ID is required; family clothing sizes and an idea for a household item are needed.

AWANA Club begins at Grace Community Church

Boys and girls 3-years-old thru sixth grade are invited to join the AWANA Club at Grace Community Church. The first club meeting is Wed., Sept. 26, 6-7:45 p.m. continuing weekly until the end of April. Children will be taught lessons from the Bible, memorize scripture, game time, and fun. AWANA stands for 'Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed' from 2 Timothy 2:15 in the Bible.

Grace Community Church is located across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Highway, Route 415, Dallas. For more info, call the church office at 675-3723.

Ryman celebrates second birthday

Austin Scott Ryman turned 2-years-old on Sept. 13. Austin resides in Mountaintop with his parents Scott and Joy Ryman. Austin has a pet cat Pepper and Hilda the hen.

Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, Harveys Lake. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mart Ryman.

Austin has two great grandmothers: Mrs. Elva Elliot, and Mrs. Marion Hoke.

Land Trust canoe trip

North Branch Land Trust members and their families will hold a canoe trip on Sun., Oct. 7, from 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. The trip will be an 8-mile paddle down the Susquehanna River from West Nanticoke to Shickshinny. Participants will meet at 9:30 a.m. in West Nanticoke on Route 11 across from the Tilbury Carousel Lounge. Cost for canoes and kayaks are \$25 per person to rent. The trip is \$5 per person if

you have your own. To go on this trip, personally-owned watercraft must be registered with the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Registration is required. Call or email NBLT at 696-5545 or bmlrt@epix.net on or before Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m. Receipt of payment reserves your seat. Adults must accompany children. Lunch orders from Subway will be taken at time of reservation at a cost of \$5 per lunch.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers 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. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The following is the menu for the week of September 20-26.

THURSDAY: Baked fish florentine, lemon, parslid rice, zucchini, whole wheat bread, apricot

nectar, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Welcome back fall special dinner-roast pork w/stuffing & gravy, cabbage slaw, sweet potatoes, apple cider, dinner roll, gingerbread.

MONDAY: Swiss steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread, vanilla pudding.

TUESDAY: Roast pork, sweet potatoes, cauliflower w/buttercrumbs, applesauce, rye bread.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti w/italian sausage, hot fruit compote, spinach, lemon, italian bread, chocolate cookie.

Berstrassers' celebrate 60 years together

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bergstrasser, 160 Shadetree Road, Shavertown, celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 12, 1941 at the home of the bride's parents in Edwardsville, by the late Rev. Enoch Hughes of the Edwards Memorial Church. They were attended by the late Ruth Dorothy Williams, cousin of the bride and Henry Bergstrasser, brother of the groom.

Mrs. Bergstrasser is the former Ethelda Moon, daughter of the late Ethelbert and Ethel Williams Moon of Edwardsville. She retired after 19 years as a music teacher in the Wyoming Area School District.

Mr. Bergstrasser, son of the late Philip and Stella Barber Bergstrasser, Kingston, was employed 33 years as an insurance manager for Lewith and Freeman Real Estate and Insurance Agency.

The couple has three children: Jane Ventre, Scranton; Robert, Wilkes-Barre; Richard, Harrisburg. They have five grandchildren: Jennifer and Jonathan Ventre; Elly, Valerie, and William Paul. They have one great grandchild, Torrin Bergstrasser.

The couple will celebrate 60 years together with family and friends.

Celebrity Luncheons announce 2001-2002 season

Celebrity Luncheons will kick-off Thursday, September 22 with Arun Gandhi. Gandhi carries within himself the same guiding principles as his grandfather, the legendary peacefighter and spiritual leader, Mohandas K. Gandhi, also known as Mahatma Gandhi.

After leading successful projects for economic and social reform in India, Gandhi came to the United States in 1988 to complete research for a comparative study on racism in America. In 1991, Arun and his wife founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for nonviolence, headquartered at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. The Institute's mission is to foster understanding of non-violence and to put that philoso-

phy to practical use through workshops, lectures and community outreach programs.

Other guest celebrities slated for the 2001-2002 series include: Henry Haller on Oct. 18, Jane Bryant Quinn on April 25, and David Baldacci on May 9.

The first two luncheons will be held at the Woodlands Inn and Resort and the two spring luncheons will be held at Genetti's Hotel, both in Wilkes-Barre.

Guest celebrities speak from 11 a.m.-noon, followed by a question and answer period. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. Season tickets are \$165 or single tickets are available at \$50 each. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call 696-3967. Gift certificates are available.

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