

Girl Scouts complete babysitting course

Members of Cadette Girl Scout Troop 2480 of Saint Therese's Church in Shavertown recently completed the requirements for the American Red Cross Babysitting Course. The girls learned the proper techniques for clothing, feeding, bathing and caring for infants and small children. Pictured are, from left, first row: Rachel Symons, Lauren Yurko, Stephanie Gonczol, and Molly Gilligan. Second row: Meredith Snow, aide, Amanda Musto, Alyssa Miller, Amanda Eck and Red Cross instructor Cathy Oliver. In rear are Nicole Madden, Jackie Lowe, Katie Gilligan, Samantha Marquart and aide Maureen Prieto. Troop leaders are Lorraine Symons and Mary Barbara Gilligan.



Metz named Gold Chain Award winner

Nation's Restaurant News, the newsworthy of the foodservice industry, recently named John C. Metz as a winner of the 2002 Gold Chain Award.

Metz is chairman and chief executive officer of Metz Enterprises of Dallas, PA, an umbrella corporation overseeing Metz & Associates, Ltd., a regional dining and environmental management services company; Northeast Restaurant Group, which operates T.G.I. Friday's restaurants in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, M & B Inn Partners, which operates a number of Holiday Inn, Host Inn and Ramada Inn locations and Amazing Glazed, which operates several Krispy Kreme franchise locations in Western Pennsylvania.



John C. Metz

Metz was one of only six foodservice executives saluted by the publication. According to Alan Gould, publisher of Nation's Restaurant News, John was chosen for his ability to keep his organization on track and prospering during one of the most turbulent years in recent business history. Mr. Gould saluted the award winners for their vision, their management skills and their total commitment to the foodservice industry.

"I am honored to be named among such a distinguished group of my peers as a winner of this award," Metz said. "I have tremendous regard for all of my fellow winners and their achievements in the industry."

Metz will be honored during Nation's Restaurant News' Multi-Unit Foodservice Operators Conference in Orlando, Florida on October 1, 2002 at which time the publication will select one of the six Golden Chain Award winners to be named Operator of the Year for 2002. The Operator of the Year will be selected by a vote of operator-readers of Nation's Restaurant News and ballots will be available in the publication during the next few months.

"We are so proud of John for his recent accomplishments and his lifetime achievements in the foodservice industry," said Harold Leininger, president and chief operating officer of Metz & Associates, Ltd. "We wish him the best of luck in his quest for the title of Operator of the Year."

Dr. William D. Camp, chairperson of the history/social science department at Luzerne County Community College, has been selected to attend a special seminar on nationalism this summer at Boston University.

Dr. Camp is one of 18 professors from across the United States who will participate in the program. The forum is one of a series of seminars that provides an opportunity for invited scholars to communicate new knowledge, concepts and techniques directly to college teachers.

Dr. Camp holds a B.A. in history/government from Gordon College; an M.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University; and a doctorate in arts from Carnegie-Mellon University. He has received a Fulbright Scholar Award from the "Netherlands America Commission for Educational Exchange," and has provided historical perspectives to American college students studying in Western, Europe through the American Overseas Study Program.

Dr. Camp resides in Dallas with his wife, Ann.

Chamber announces Mary Erwine as 2002 Athena Award recipient

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber has announced that the 2002 recipient of its prestigious ATHENA award will be Mary Erwine, President, Erwine's Home Health Care, Inc., Erwine's Home Care Affiliates and Erwine's Private Duty. The ATHENA honor is presented to a person who has attained professional excellence, devoted time and energy to the community in a meaningful way, and assisted women in attaining their full potential. The award is sponsored locally through MotorWorld Automotive Group.

According to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber's ATHENA award

Chairperson Anna Cervanek, "Mary has demonstrated a very strong volunteer and business-oriented role within our community. The nomination forms we received regarding Mary tell of a person that puts 110 percent into any project that she takes on. Others describe her strong, continued commitment to family and community and the way she encourages all of her employees as well as everyone she



Mary Erwine

meets to achieve greater goals and to be active in the community." Mary started Erwine's Home Care in 1993. Under her leadership the company has grown from three employees to over 100 employees. The majority of the employees in the business are women, and Mary has fostered their professional development, serving as a mentor, providing encouragement and offering professional training to her employees at her own expense.

Mary serves on the Boards of Directors of: Leadership Wilkes-Barre, The Arthritis Foundation, and the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. She partici-

pates as a volunteer for: the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber, the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, the American Heart Association, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital NEPA Board and the Wyoming Seminary Presidents Council. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, the National Association of Female Executives, the National Honor Society of Nursing, and the PA Association of Home Health Agencies.

Mary Erwine received the Athena honor at the Chamber's Business Awards Luncheon on June 26.



Dr. Fahmy leads NEPA Alliance board

Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy of Dallas, the newly elected Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Board Chairperson for 2002-2003 gives an acceptance speech at NEPA's 38th Annual Dinner on June 13.

SCI-Dallas staff members honored

Superintendent Thomas Lavan recently recognized SCI-Dallas staff members for receiving SECA certificates. SCI-Dallas received awards for the most dollars raised and most new dollars raised. Officer Joseph Novackowski put in many man hours organizing and collecting donations for SECA.

The following staff members at SCI-Dallas received SECA certificates: Norm Demming, Robert Fancek, Donna Kornova, Thomas Wasilewski, retired, Richard Holmes, Barbara Meyers, Mike Wasylkewicz, Paul Mooney, Raymond Kinney, Raymond Litz, Ed Odland, John Nagy, Laurie Pekeller, Lt. Andy Marshall, Tom Kashatus, Eric Madl, Don Buck, Mark Cross, Jack Jeddick, Ted Higgins, Christopher Angelovic, Joh Oniko, Captain Charles Coleman, Chet Filipiak, Keith Starzynski, Larry Long, Joanne Gordon, Charles McCullough, Tracey Holloway, Mark Rapson, Steve Smocharski, Ann Marie Coleman, John Grukowski, Roxanna Dinesen and John Doknovitch.

Pictured, from left, standing: Joe Novackowski, David Lee, Director, United Way of Wyoming Valley; Joe Tommaselli, 2001 SECA co-chairman; Amy Gabriel, American Red Cross. Seated: Roy Van Why, SCID.



Dallas

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pays approximately \$5.50 a mill in school taxes, said Dallas Superintendent Gilbert Griffiths. Residents will now pay about \$44 more in taxes on average. Two-thirds of the budget's increased revenue of \$1.16 million comes from local taxes.

Melone pointed out that \$500,000 of the district's \$854,538 difference between income and spending is set aside as a contingency that he does not foresee the district spending. The remaining almost \$355,000 will come out of the district's \$5.3 million fund balance.

In last year's budget, the fund balance was estimated to reach \$4.3 million on June, 2002, but in fact will end the year at \$5.3 million. This year's budget projects an ending balance on June 30, 2003 of nearly \$4.5 million, but if past experience holds, could total more than \$5.5 million.

The budget was approved 6-1. Board members James Richardson, Frank Natitus, Thomas Russ, Deborah Morgantini, Maureen Matiska and John Litz voted to accept the budget, while David Usavage cast the dissenting vote. Board member Anthony Barbose and President Ernest Ashbridge were not present for the vote.

In other business: The board voted to hire six teachers throughout the district. Those hired include: Helene Sabola, high school math, \$29,172; Emma Healey, high school science, \$33,768; Lydia Chase, high school long-term substitute science, \$29,172; Jaime Slocum, Wycallis fifth grade, \$30,298; Jodi Eike, Wycallis third grade, \$29,172; and Margaret Bestwick, Dallas Elementary third grade, \$30,075.

Dallas Class of '82 meeting July 13

Dallas class of 1982 will meet at Grotto's at the lake at 6 p.m. July 13 to decide on the menu and talk about other issues. Any questions call Holly Daubert at 675-1714 or e-mail Peebug1988@aol.com

Compost available at KT Public Works garage

Kingston Township reminds residents that Open Burning Permits are required for all open fires and that Township Ordinance states that only wood, paper, tree branches, tree leaves and yard trimmings may be burned. The ordinance further states that no hazardous or other objectionable condition will be created by such burning. The Township encourages residents to utilize other methods of disposal of the items referenced above, such as the Township compost area at the Center Street Public Works Facility. Residents may haul leaves, branches, and yard trimmings to this site instead of burning.

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