Ciakappointed at Pennstar Bank

Pennstar Bank President and Chief Operating Officer David E. Raven recently announced that Thomas Ciak has been appointed to Vice President in the bank's Commercial Lending Division.

As Vice President of Commercial Lending, Ciak is responsible for maintaining and servicing existing commercial loan clients as well as developing new business relationships for Pennstar.

Ciak He joins Pennstar with 25 years experience in banking, specializing in Commercial Real Estate Lending. He resides in Hunlock Creek with his wife, Caroline, and three daughters, Stacia, Emily, and Grace.

Arts, crafts at Irem

More than 50 vendors are expected to participate in the Arts, Crafts, and Collectibles Show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Irem Country Club Pavilion. In addition to the crafts, there will be a light lunch available, baked goods, and door prizes. There is ample parking available and the pavilion is handicapped accessible.

Scout Day Sept. 22 at Frances Slocum Park

Scout Day for area boys/girls ages eight and up will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday, September 22 at Frances Slocum State Park. Topics to be covered are trees, birds, poisonous plants and animals, insects, and Pa. wildlife.

Registration is required. Registration will be taken during the week of September 8-14. Call Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105 to register.

Westmoreland class of 1952 reunion

Recently, The Westmoreland class of 1952 celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Checkerboard Pavilion in Trucksville. The highlight of the event was a school bus ride to the Westmoreland school and a tour of the school. After the tour, the class was awarded with their "hard-knocks" diplomas.

Those in attendance were:

First row, from left: Ramona Balut Dymond, Nancy Williams McDonald, Glenda Hendershot Bankes, Elinor Downes Filardo, Clayton "Jake" Williams, Eleanore Prushko, Joan Kibler Strong, Beverly Morgan Lang, Peggy Malkemes Mahoney, Phyllis Edwards, Grace Sherin, Joan Anderson Lenahan, Whaneta Berti.

Second row: Sal Filardo, Betty Johnson Williams, Barbara Davis Scheiner, Bill Long, Margaret Stuart LaFratte, Robert Edwards.

Third row; John Lenahan, Bernard Sherin, Jan Carey, Fred Bankes.

Fourth row: George Strong, Eugene Prushko, Ronald Dennis, Frances Moss Dennis, Edward Carey.

Fifth row: Dilys Rolands Stoner, Barbara Oney, William Fine, Lorraine Owen White, William Farrrell, Bruce Berrettini, Evelyn Farrell.

Sixth row: Bernard Stoner, Lee White, Moncey Carey, William Oney.

Seventh row: Rita Garrah, Glen Carey, John Garrah, Carl Dymond, Bobby Lee Crews DeRemer, Russell DeRemer.

Cummings completes deployment to Arabian Gulf

Marine Corps Cpl. Forrest Cummings, son of Linda J. and Lawrence P. Cummings of Trucksville, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the deployment, Cummings' unit participated in Exercise Infinite Anvil and visited Souda Bay, Crete and Petra, Jordan where they had the opportunity to shop, sight see and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Cummings is a 1998 graduate of Dallas Senior High school of Dallas, and joined the Marine Corps in September of 1998.

Memory walk Sept. 21

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk will be held on Saturday, September 21 in Kirby Park. Registration is at the Martz Pavilion from 9 to 10 a.m.

Proceeds from the walk help to fund programs and services offered by the Northeastern Regional Office in a 15 county area. Services include Helpline, Information and Referral, Caregiver Training sessions, Family support groups and programs, Educational Seminars and more.

It is estimated that by the year 2050 more than 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease unless a cure or prevention is found. Most people with Alzheimer's are over 65, but it also strikes those in their 30's 40's, and 50's.

For additional information on how to become involved in the Memory Walk, call 822-9915.

Thompson wins 2001 Herm Shiplett Volunteer Award

Each year the Herm Shiplett Award is presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated an outstanding level of commitment and support to Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity throughout the past year. This year's award was particularly special as Herm Shiplett passed away in September 2001. Now the award not only honors Herm's incredible dedication and enduring spirit but also his memory.

This year's recipient was Art Thompson of Harveys Lake who was presented with a plaque at a recent appreciation breakfast. A retired architect, Art has been with WVHFH for the last seven years and can be found on site almost every Saturday and Wednesday. He is known not only for his willingness to pitch in wherever he is needed but also for his gracious manner and gentle ways. Art truly characterizes the philosophy of the Habitat Building Ministry and continues to be a wonderful representative of its mission. In presenting the award, Joyce Shiplett said that her husband had always felt he was put on this earth to help others. In reply, Art Thompson noted that he remembered Herm fondly and had always looked up to him during his early days at Habitat Sites.

WVHFH is currently building a single story home at 85, N. Main Street, Ashley and welcomes volunteers to help both on site and off. For more information about the organization call Lillian Cohen, Executive Director at 820-8002.

Pictured, from left: Tim Shiplett, Joyce Shiplett, Morag Michael WVHFH, Board President; Art Thompson, Award Recipient.

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. The following is the menu for the week of September 19-25. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The local Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

THURSDAY: French toast w/maple syrup, sausage, hot fruit compote, orange juice, corn muffin.

FRIDAY: Caesar salad with grilled chicken, fresh carrot sticks, mixed fruit cup, dinner roll, Italian ice.

MONDAY: Barbeque chicken, butternut squash, cauliflower w/buttercrumb topping, whole wheat bread, chilled pears.

TUESDAY: Jumbo hot dog w/sauerkraut, oven roasted potatoes, baked beans, hot dog roll, mustard, orange.

WEDNESDAY: Rigatoni w/meatballs, hot fruit compote, broccoli, Italian bread, gelatin w/whipped topping.

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