

Sharpen your photo skills while helping the land trust

International photographer Ian Campbell is offering an introductory nature/outdoor photography course to benefit the North Branch Land Trust on Saturday, January 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To be held on-site at the Ayers farm in Noxen, this half-day course will provide hands-on instruction while exploring one of the area's most beautiful privately owned preserved farms. Participants can explore a local landscape that has remained untouched for centuries, and thanks to the work of NBLT will remain untouched forever.

Land Protection Specialist Josh Longmore will be on hand to describe the unique features of the land, as well as the

species that live there. Anyone with a 35mm camera is invited to attend; one roll of film (with processing) will be provided. A donation of \$25 is required, and attendees must bring their own 35mm cameras.

Because this is a winter shoot, appropriate boots, gloves, jackets etc. should be worn as the snow is deep in some areas. Also, bring a bag lunch. Preserving precious land is the primary mission for the North Branch Land Trust, formed nearly a decade ago to help protect the quality of life in this region. For more information on this event or NBLT in general, please call Steve Franco at 237 0124 or email us at: info@nblt.org.

Streamside cleanup planned

The Wyoming Valley Watershed Coalition is accepting nominations for the annual Spring Streamside Cleanup Program until January 31. Nominations may be made to the Pennsylvania environmental Council Office at 718-6507 or 175 Main Street, Luzerne, PA 18709 or to the Coalition Web Page at www.wvwc.org. The stream cleanup event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26 with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer groups who may be interested in participating in this event are invited to call the office to pre-register for this event and to have registration mailed to them.

The 2003 event will be the third annual cleanup held in the Wyoming Valley. In 2002 the program disposed of 18 tons of debris from Toby's Creek, Newport Creek, Nanticoke Creek and Solomon's Creek.

Contact the PEC Office at 570-728-6507 for more information.



Meadows awards smocks

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas awarded green smocks to members who attained more than 50 hours of service to residents. Since the group formed in 1984, the Auxiliary and community volunteers have donated over 220,000 hours of service at the center.

The Meadows welcomes inquiries about volunteer opportunities at the center. Current volunteer needs include escort to the Meadow's physical therapy department, beauty shop, and more. For more information, please call 675-8600, ext. 195 or 138.

From left: Midge Smith, Auxiliary First Vice President; honorees Martha Linski and Betty Miller; Betty Sorchik, Volunteer Coordinator; and Gary Kirk, Meadow's Assistant Administrator.



Ann Balonis and Jeff Zoranski

Balonis-Zoranski to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Balonis, Trucksville, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Ann Christine, to Jeff Scott Zoranski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Zoranski, Mountaintop.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Dallas High School who also earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in accounting from King's College in 1993.

She has also recently completed a master's degree in Finance and Taxation, also from Kings College in 2002.

The prospective groom is the grandson of James and Hanna Burns, Glen Lyon; Mary Zoranski, and the late Frank Zoranski, Glen Lyon.

Mr. Zoranski is a 1990 graduate of Crestwood High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bloomsburg University in 1995. He is employed as a manager for 84 Lumber Company.

Miss Balonis is employed as a Financial Accounting Supervisor for Quaker Oats Food and Beverage, a division of Pepsi Corporation. She is also employed as a tax advisor for H & R Block Tax and Financial Services. Miss Balonis is also a Spinning Instructor at Body McCannix's Fitness center, Forty Fort.

A summer 2003 wedding is being planned.

Library auction chairman named



Paul Sabol

Paul Sabol is the new volunteer chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's 2003 Auction, to be held July 10-13. A Shavertown resident, he was the Chief of Police in Kingston Township for 20 years.

The next meeting of the Auction Committee will be held on Thursday, January 30, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. Anyone interested in working on an Auction committee is welcome to attend the meeting.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?
A: Only in The Dallas Post

Trucksville UM Women install officers

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church installed the officers for 2003. The Reverend Charles Gommer led the initiation service.

Those installed were: President, Evelyn Roberts; Vice President, Lorna Laskowski; Secretary, Pat Baird; Treasurer, Kay Sigman; Mission Coordinators: Spiritual Growth, Cora Porter; Social Action, Marcella Hiller; Education and Interpretation,

Margaret Johnson; Membership and Nurture, Nancy Dombroski; Program Resources, Pat Baird; Nominations, Jean Long (Chair); Betty Kleiner, Martha Jones; Communications Coordinator, Barbara Glowach, Sunshine Secretary, Cora Porter, Kitchen Coordinator, Betty June Mathers.

The United Methodist Women meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Huntsville U.M. Church to hold fundraiser

The second Friday of each month the Huntsville United Methodist Church will be selling "pizza" as a church fund raiser. You may call any church member or the church office phone 675-3375 and leave a message if you wish to contact the church, and your call will be returned to you. This fundraiser will go on each month until the Lenten season. The cost of the pizza is \$6 for 12 large cuts. pastor W. James Pall is the church pastor.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Pioneer Bridge Club

Nov. 25 N-S: 1. Shino Franquet and Betty Lyons. 2. Eleanor Bucknavage and Mary Wynn. 3. Mary Ann Davies and Thomas Flynn. E-W 1. Connie and Walter Mitchell. 2. Robert Silverblatt and Susan Silverblatt. 3. Allie Heffernan and Judy Mack.

Dec. 2: 1. Shino Franquet and Betty Lyons. 2. Bill Bergstrasser and Tomas Flynn. 3. Connie and Walter Mitchell. 4. Irene Burger and Bill Davis.

Dec. 9 Club Championship: 1. Tie Ruth Tetschner and Anita Allen, Zeldia Salamon and June Golubock. 3. Allie Heffernan and Judy Mack. 4. Shino Franquet and Betty Lyons. 5. Jule Plotkin and Lois DeGennaro.

Dec. 16: 1. Mary Louise Paolucci and John Filip. 2. Bill Davis and Welton Farrar. 3. Connie and Walter Mitchell. 4. Jule Plotkin and Lois DeGennaro. 5. Shino Franquet and Betty Lyons.

Tuesday Invitational

Nov. 26: 1. Judy Argento and Carol Hinchey. 2. Lois DeGennaro and Beth Rosenthal. 3. Shino Franquet and Betty Lyons. 4. Jean Banks and Phyllis Eckman.

Dec. 3: N-S 1. Dottie Peiffer and Pat Peiffer. 2. Betty Swainbank and Jane Chilson. 3. Mary Louise Paolucci and Edna-Marje Beirne. E-W: 1. Carol Lippincott and Mary Zabresky. 2. Irene Burger and Jule Plotkin. 3. Judy Rimple and Beth Rosenthal.

Dec. 10 Club Championship: 1. Iris Levy and Jane Chilson. 2. Sandy Johnson and Sheila McKown. 3. Dottie Peiffer and Pat

Peiffer. 4. Betty Swainbank and Helen McCool. 5. Carol Lippincott and Mary Zabresky.

Dec. 17 Flight A: 1. Iris Levy and Jane Chilson. 2. Carol Hinchey and Mary Brezinski. 3. Carol Lippincott and Mary Zabresky. 4. Tee Zerfoss and Peggy Watters. 5. Sandy Johnson and Sheila McKeown. Flight B: 2. Louise Schlick and Mary Kaiser.

Dallas Bridge Club

Nov. 27 Flight A: 1. Helen McCool and Walter Brenholts. 2. Marty Curfman and Mary Louise Paolucci. 3. Tie Mary Chang and Lois Burns, Judy Null and Ray Depew. Flight B: 2. Jack Burns and Beth Rosenthal.

Dec. 4, Flight A N-S: 1. Peggy Watters and Jane Chilson. 2. Mike Whitaker and Walter Brenholts. 3. Thomas Flynn and Maryann Davies. E-W Flight A: 1. Judy Argento and Carol Hinchey. 2. Ray Depew and Jeanne Fainberg. 3. Esther Robzen and Phyllis Landau. Flight C: 1. Tie Moe Schonfeld and Alan Fierverker, Mary Brezinski and Lois DeGennaro.

Dec. 18, Club Championship Flight A: 1. Judy Null and Dave Hall. 2. Moe Schonfeld and Alan Fierverker. 3. Sheila McKeown and Sandy Johnson. 4. Ray Depew and Jeanne Fainberg. 5. Carol Hinchey and Judy Argento. Flight B: 4. Jane Chilson and Clea Shelby. 5. Peggy Watters and Betty Swainbank. Flight C: 2. Seth Kaufer and Irv Lebowitz.

For information call Beth Rosenthal at 696-3655 or visit our website at www.bridgelady.com.

Coming Next Week!



Tell us where to find the Back Mountain's best pizza, and you could win dinner



Don't forget the wings!

You can vote for your favorite purveyor of poultry parts, too.