

Girl Scout 'Cookie Shops' slated in Back Mountain

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale program will continue through March 15, with troop Cookie Shops opening in communities throughout the six-county council area. "Girl Scout Cookie Shops foster teamwork among troop members, teaching girls to work together to reach a common goal," said JoAnn Hollis, chief executive officer for the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council.

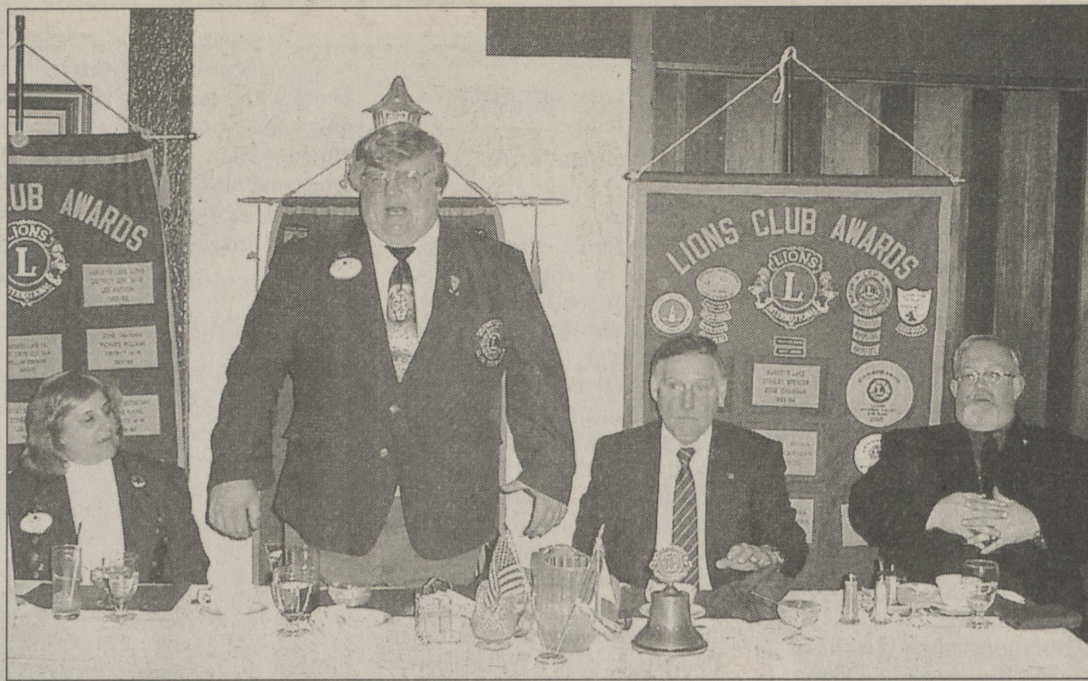
All of the net proceeds earned by Cookie Shops and the general Girl Scout Cookie sale remain within the council area to support local Girl Scout activities like camping, outdoor education, science workshops, sports clinics, travel, community service and more.

All varieties of Girl Scout Cookies are available at local Cookie Shops: Thin Mints, Shortbreads, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemon

Pastry Cremes (reduced fat), Peanut Butter Sandwich, Animal Treasures and new Piatas; a crunchy oatmeal cookie layered with strawberry filling, sugar glaze coating and finished with cinnamon crumb topping. All cookies are \$3 per box.

For more Cookie Shop information, log onto the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council website at www.pennswoodsgirlscouts.org and click on "COOKIES," or call the toll-free Cookie Hotline at 1-888-6KOOKIE.

Back Mountain Cookie Shop locations and dates:
Feb. 26, Thomas' Market, Shavertown, 6:3-8 p.m.
Mar. 7, Sheetz, Trucksville, 1-5 p.m.
Mar. 13, CVS Pharmacy, Dallas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



HL Lions host District Governor

Recently the Harveys Lake Lions Club hosted a visit by District 14W Governor Jerry Chilipko. He reviewed Lion programs both local and international. The Governor especially emphasized the need to bring in new members both women and men. If anyone is interested in joining the Harveys Lake Lions Club, please contact any member or call Pete Austin at 639-1283 for an application or additional information.

Pictured from left: First Lady Denise Chilipko, Gov. Jerry Chilipko, President Pete Austin and Secretary Jeff Smith.

Free tax help at College Misericordia

Low-income and elderly residents can now obtain free assistance in preparing their annual income tax returns thanks to College Misericordia's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). New this year is College Misericordia's partnership with Choice One Federal Credit Union, Wilkes-Barre, which will enable the college to further expand the free services it offers to area residents.

Students and other volunteers from the college prepare federal, state, and local tax returns for people meeting eligibility requirements. Common problems for which VITA can provide advice include: trying to file a schedule D (capital gains and losses), Schedule EIC (earned income credit), child tax credit, child and dependent care expenses credit, PA property tax and rent rebates, and the special tax forgiveness form for the state of PA.

Tax assistance sessions are scheduled for the following Saturdays between 9 and 11 a.m. at College Misericordia, Lake St., Dallas: Feb. 28; March 20 and 27; April 3. Interested persons must schedule an appointment to ensure prompt service. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 674-6430.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Sally A. Steele and Brian R. Ace joined the Board of Directors of Community Bank System, Inc. (CBU:NYSE) at the November 2003 meeting, following the completion of the



Sally A. Steele

acquisition of Grange National Bank Corp. CBU is the holding company for First Liberty Bank & Trust, with 24 offices in Northeast, PA.



Brian R. Ace

Steele and Mr. Ace previously served on the Board of Directors of Grange National Banc Corp.

Ms. Steele operates her own law practice in Tunkhannock, and will serve as a member of the company's trust, operations and oecology committees. She is also a principal owner of two title insurance companies, including Northeast Title Insurance Company, Inc. which is jointly owned by First Liberty and several other local banks.

Ace is owner of Laceyville Hardware in Laceyville, a member of the Laceyville

Business Association, and Chairman of the Laceyville Revitalization Project. He will serve as a member of the loan and compensation committees.

Community Bank System, Inc. (NYSE: CBU) is a registered bank holding company based in DeWitt, N.Y. Upon completion of the recently announced acquisition of First Heritage Bank in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., CBU's wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Community Bank, N.A. will have approximately \$4.1 billion of assets, 132 customer facilities and 98 ATMs across Upstate New York and Northeastern Pennsylvania, where it operates as First Liberty Bank & Trust, a division of Community Bank N.A.

Warren Bareiss, Ph.D., Harveys Lake, joined the Communications Department at the University of Scranton in fall 2003.

Bareiss was an assistant professor in the media studies program of the department of communication studies at Austin College, Sherman, Texas. He earned a bachelor of arts in anthropology from the University of New Mexico and a master of arts degree in mass communication from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bareiss received his Ph.D in Mass communication from Indiana University.

Wyoming County Habitat seeks applicants

Low-income families interested in becoming the owners of the next Habitat for Humanity home in Wyoming County are invited to attend a signup night on Thursday, March 4, at 6-7:30 p.m. at Father Nallin Hall in Tunkhannock. A short informational presentation will be held at 6 p.m., after which interested families will fill out applications on site. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about the application.

Families are strongly encouraged to attend the information-

al session and have questions about the application answered on the spot. Anyone who cannot attend may have an application mailed by calling 836-3067 by Feb. 25. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 5.

Father Nallin Hall is inside Nativity B.V.M. School in Tunkhannock, behind Nativity B.V.M. Church on Route 6. The event will take place on the

lower level of the building.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds and renovates homes in partnership with families who could not otherwise afford them. Habitat is not a government program; instead, its home-building work is made possible through the generous financial and volunteer support of local churches, civic groups, businesses, and individuals.

Back Mountain Senior Citizens meet first Mondays

The Back Mountain Seniors meet on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 1 p.m. in St. Thereses' Hall at Pioneer Ave. and Davis Street in Shavertown.

For information call Lil at 696-1828 or Marie at 696-3095.

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