

Camp Sight children enjoy boat ride



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Celeste Aviles 20, laughs with Glen Davis as she steers a pontoon boat in Harveys Lake; behind them are Caitlyn Trainer, 22, Courtney O'Meara and Alexis Fahringer, 15. Yacht Club members volunteered to take campers from Camp Sight for a boat ride and then provided a lunch for them.

Cruisin' on the lake

Feeling the rush of the wind against their faces and the whirring sound of the motor, participants in Camp Sight enjoyed a special outing when they boarded pontoon boats at the Harveys Lake Yacht Club.

After a trip around the lake on the boat, the campers enjoyed a lunch at picnic tables piled high with food and refreshments.

Retired Wilkes-Barre Area School District reading spe-



Campers from Camp Sight wait to board pontoon boats at the Harveys Lake Yacht Club.

cialist Glenn Davis, a member of the Harveys Lake Yacht club, organized the outing with the assistance of Lori

Lesante, CEO of community Services for Sight in Hazleton.

Camp Sight was started six years ago as a joint effort of Community Services for Sight and The Association for the Blind as a way to allow visually-impaired children to "socialize and get acquainted with each other."

Of the 19 children attending Camp Sight this year, 17 attended the outing.

Software developer to deliver Misericordia Convocation

Mark Fung-A-Fat, director of software development and operations for the Massachusetts Medical Society, publishers of the New England Journal of Medicine, will be the keynote speaker at Misericordia University's annual Convocation ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Amphitheater on campus.

Fung-A-Fat grew up in Guyana, South America, and was the second of four brothers to attend College Misericordia for their undergraduate degrees. He graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and mathematics in 1991. He is a senior information technology (IT) leader with 20 years in the field of software development. He has spent the last 20 years designing, evaluating, selecting and implementing software solutions for a variety of businesses.

Upon graduation from Misericordia, Fung-A-Fat joined a computer consulting firm headquartered in Allentown. From 1991 to 1998, Fung-A-Fat worked as a computer consultant in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York regions designing and programming systems, and leading teams for several large companies. Some of his clients included Bethlehem Steel, Air Products and Chemicals, Rodale Press, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Schering Plough Pharmaceuticals, ESPN the Magazine, and the Walt Disney Corp. Consumer Products Division.

In 1998, he moved to Boston, Mass., to work for the Massachusetts Medical Society, publishers of the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine. From 1998 to 2000, Fung-A-Fat was employed as a team leader in the IT department where he led the company's IT migration from mainframe based systems to a PC/Intel-based platform. In 2000, he was asked to lead the software development department which consisted of five programmers. Today, he is the director of business systems solutions, a role that oversees more than 20 technical staff, software development, en-



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terprise systems integration, database operations, membership applications, computer operations, and health information.

The annual Convocation ceremony includes a welcome to freshmen and their families and serves as the official start to the new academic year. Orientation begins later that afternoon and continues until the first day of classes on Aug. 29.

While at Misericordia, Fung-A-Fat played on the men's soccer team and was recognized with the Theresa and Frank J. Mehm Prize. The award is presented annually to the student who, by a vote of the chief academic and student service officers, most nearly represents the ideal Misericordia University man or woman. He was also presented with the Young Alumnus and Dr. Joseph Tomasovic Awards from Misericordia.

The Fung-A-Fat family has strong connections to the Misericordia community as the four brothers graduated from MU and Nigel Fung-A-Fat met his wife, Michele Sanguilliano Fung-A-Fat, at college. Nigel graduated magna cum laude in 1988 with a B.S. in computer science and mathematics. His wife also received her B.S. in computer science and mathematics in 1987 from Misericordia. Shane, the youngest brother, graduated magna cum laude in 1994 with a B.S. in computer science and mathematics, and Randolph, the third brother, graduated summa cum laude in 1995 with a B.S. in computer science and mathematics.

Fung-A-Fat continued his education at Kutztown University where he received a Master of Science in Computer Science. From 1998 to 2003, he continued his post graduate studies in computer science at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He and his wife, Hao, reside in Marlborough, Mass.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Computer classes offered at BMT library

Basic computer classes will be offered at the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the month of August.

Each session will consist of three one-hour classes. Cost is \$15. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

Library Bookshop on summer hours

The Slightly Read Bookshop at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is currently operating on its summer schedule and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays only.

The bookshop will resume its regular schedule after Labor Day.

Noxen School Reunion is planned for today

The Noxen Historical Community Association Inc. will hold an Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. today, Aug. 21.

An art show featuring the works of Chuck Kovalick and his students will be held on the second floor. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 298-2052.

Blood drive set

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the Dallas American Legion, 730 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and Red Cross Blood card. First-time donors will receive a card after their donation.

Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate. Youths 16 years of age accompanied by a parent may also donate.

To schedule an appointment, call 823-7164, extension 2150.

Square dance, polka will benefit VOA

Volunteers of America will host a Square Dance and Polka Party from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26 at the Irem Temple Country Club Pavilion, Dallas.

Stanky and the Cadets participate in the event. "Red" Jones and Joe McKeown will call the square dance and Eddie Derwin and the Polka Naturals will play polka favorites.

The cost of the event is \$10 and the proceeds will benefit the local programs of Volunteers of America. For tickets, call Volunteers of America at 825-5261.

Observe and learn about live eagles

Join the naturalist Franklin Clock from Carbon County Environmental Education Center as he introduces you to the Bald Eagle, our national bird at 10 a.m. Aug. 27 at Wild Birds Unlimited in Dallas.

Come and hear many facts about these high flying avian predators at this free program. For more information, contact Craig Yarrish at 675-9900.

Beef dinner slated

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family-style beef dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27. Take-outs begin at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children between the ages of 6 and 11 and free for children under the age of 6.

Perfect Peach Sale on now at Legion Post

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 is conducting its annual Perfect Peach Sale.

Orders can be placed with committee members and may be picked up on August 27 in the Legion parking lot.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to sponsor community activities conducted by the Post.

For further information, call Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488

or the Dallas American Legion at 675-6542

Cub Scouts plan scavenger hunt

Cub Scout Pack 281 will hold a "Leave No Trace" Scavenger Hunt and Hike at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27 on the Back Mountain Trail.

The hike will begin at the trailhead near the Trucksville Fire Dept. on Carverton Road and will end at the trailhead in Luzerne near the Knights of Columbus.

Children should be accompanied by an adult during the hike. Rain date will be 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Cub Scout Pack 155 will hold cookout

Cub Scout Pack 155 will kick off a new year of scouting with a "Welcome Back, Pack" Cookout and Cub Scout Roundup on Sunday, August 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Trucksville United Methodist Church Pavilion, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville. Boys in kindergarten through grade 5 and their parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to see what cub scouting is all about.

The event will feature a variety of games, great cookout food and lots of fun. In addition, the families of Pack 155 will be on hand as current scouts receive recognition for awards earned during the summer months.

Pack 155 will also be participating in the annual School Sign-up Night on September 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas Elementary School, where new scouts can also register to join our pack.

For more information, call Crys Jennings at 696-6941 or Russ Banta at 696-2833.

Arts at Hayfield is August 28

More than 120 artisans, crafters, musicians, and food vendors will converge on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman for the 27th Annual

Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., rain or shine, on Sunday, Aug. 28.

For more information, contact Summer Festival Chair Janis Winter at 675-9232 or jrww4@psu.edu.

Ambulance Assn. to hold meeting

Franklin-Northmoreland Townships Ambulance Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7.

The meeting will be held at the Franklin Township Fire Hall, 329 Orange Road, Franklin Township.

New members are welcome to attend.

Wild Birds Unlimited will clean bird feeders

Drop off feeders Sept. 9-10 and pick up on Sept. 12. Cost is \$7 per feeder.

It's extremely important to keep feeders clean to avoid getting birds ill or spread of diseases. Wild Birds Unlimited will hot water clean, scrub, and sanitize feeders. We can also power wash feeders as necessary.

Proceeds will benefit the Back Mountain Rails to Trails.

For more information, contact Craig Yarrish at 675-9900.

Riding clinics benefit Heaven Equine Rescue

Saturday Horsemanship Riding Clinics will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 10, 17 and 24 at Tanager Stables in Benton. Bring your own horse or ride a Tanager horse.

Cost is \$50 with 10 percent of proceeds donated to Trailways to Heaven Equine Rescue. Call 864-0102 for reservations.

Irem Women plan Summer Luncheons

The Irem Women's Auxiliary invites the public to attend Summer Luncheons that the

group will host beginning at noon on Thursday, Sept. 15 at Irem Country Club, 1240 Country Club Rd., Dallas.

Prizes will be awarded.

Cost to attend is \$18 and reservations may be made no later than 11 a.m. on the Monday preceding any of the luncheons. Reservations can be made with Bernice West at 256-3031 or Sally Wagner 675-2325.

Vendors being sought

Yard sale/flea marketers and vendors being sought for Lehman's Autumn Festival set for 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Lake-Lehman High School grounds.

Applications are available at www.autumnfestival.webs.com.

Kids can learn about monarch butterflies

Join Kathy Kelchner, naturalist from Frances Slocum State Park 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at Wild Birds Unlimited in Dallas as she introduces the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Ms. Kathy will have live butterflies at this free program.

For more information, contact Craig Yarrish at 675-9900.

Music Box presents 'Mid-Life! The Crisis'

The Music Box Repertory Company presents "Mid-Life! The Crisis" musical, a hilarious new musical comedy September 23-25, September 30, October 1 and 2 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call 283-2195.

See live owls at Wild Birds Unlimited

Join the naturalists from Carbon County Environmental Education Center at 10 a.m. Sept. 24 at Wild Birds Unlimited in Dallas for a presentation about owls.

See a live great horned owl, barn owl, and screech owl. Come and hear many more amazing facts about these predators at this free program.

For more information, contact Craig Yarrish at 675-9900.

Free bird-watching program at Slocum

Join Bruce Troy of Wild Birds Unlimited as he leads us on a leisurely walk through the park to seek out beautiful songbirds at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 12.

Meet in the parking lot at the Environmental Education Center and boat rental. Bring binoculars and have fun looking and listening for birds at this free program. For more information, call Craig Yarrish at 675-9900.

Learn about wolves

Nikki Banfield, naturalist, will present a program on wolves, at 6 p.m. Sept. 29 at Wild Birds Unlimited, Dallas. Cost is free.

For more information, contact Craig Yarrish at 675-9900.

Music Box plans workshops

The Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, will conduct the Music Box Theatre Academy for ages 13-18. Classes begin Aug. 30 and will be held in the evening twice weekly through October 13. The students will perform "Grease" on Oct. 14, 15 and 16.

Call 283-2195 for enrollment forms or additional information.

'White Christmas' comes to Music Box

The Music Box Repertory Company presents "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" November 26 and 27, December 1-4, 8-11 and 15-18 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call 283-2195.