



**STAR FIRES**  
Eddie Day & The Original Starfires are best remembered for their dances in the 60s and 70s at Hanson's Amusement Park at Harveys Lake in the summer and the Starfire Ballroom on South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre during the winter. From left, first row, are vocalists State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski and Charles McCuen. Second row, John B. Hall, lead guitarist; Steve Aqualina, pianist; Robert Gardner, sax; Richard Gumbavich, drums; and Rev. Roger E. Griffith, bassist and vocalist.

## Starfires open season at HL Fire Co. dance

Eddie Day & The "Original Starfires" has posted its schedule of upcoming events. Public appearances begin with the annual Harveys Lake Fire Company's dance at the Irem Country Club Pavilion from 8 p.m. to midnight on July 28. Donation is \$25 per ticket which includes beer, hot dogs and pizza. Tickets are available at The Ranch Wagon in Shavertown, Gallery of Sound Music Stores and Hoss Garden Hut in Dallas. This is the seventh year the

fire company has contracted with the "Starfires" who also share the stage with "Tom Slick & The Greaseslappers." A dance will be held at the Irem Country Club Pavilion from 8 p.m. to midnight on August 18 and will feature a reunion with the "Starfires" and "Joe Nardone and the Allstars" sharing the stage. This will be the first such reunion dance of these two groups in history. A donation of \$25 will include free beer and pizza.

# Things can get mighty hilarious on 'Avenue Q'

The Music Box Repertory Company announces its next production, "Avenue Q," Broadway's smash-hit, 2004 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book.

This hilarious show tells the story of Princeton, a bright-eyed college grad who moves to New York City with big dreams and a tiny bank account. The only apartment he can afford is way out on Avenue Q, where everyone's looking for the same things: a decent job, a stable relationship and a "purpose."

Eventually, Princeton learns to embrace the ups and downs of city life and realizes that "the real world" isn't so bad, after all!

The show features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, risqué and downright entertaining way.

Jonathan Wallace, of Dallas, will play the leading role of Rod. A graduate of Dallas High School, he is currently attending DeSales University where he is studying theatre.

Wallace has performed in numerous productions at the Music Box, including "Cabaret," "Fid-



Jonathan Wallace, left, of Dallas, with Rod and Karl Kleist with Nicky rehearse a scene from the Music Box Players' rendition of "Avenue Q."

ler on the Roof," "Children of Eden," "Nuncrackers" and "Sweeney Todd."

Performance dates for "Avenue Q" are July 20 to Aug. 5. Times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday

and 3 p.m. Sunday. A buffet dinner is served 90 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets are now on sale for dinner and show and show only. There will be a special show-only preview performance on Ju-

ly 19 with all tickets priced at \$12. Call 283-2195 to make reservations. Due to adult situations and strong language, "Avenue Q" is recommended for mature audiences only.

## Irem Summer Concert Series continues tonight with Legends

Illustrious Sir Albert G. Endres, Jr., Potentate of Irem Shrine, announces its free Summer Concert Series to be held at Irem Country Club, Dallas.

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