

September 6, 1984

MCKEESPORT TIGER MARCHING BAND HOSTING TOURNAMENT HERE SEPT. 15

Second Tournament of Bands will be sponsored in Tiger Stadium on Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. by the McKeesport Tiger Band and Orchestra Boosters with the McKeesport Tiger Marching Band as the host. Rain date is Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.

Seven bands will be attending the event with each competing band presenting an 8 to 11-minute show, blending music, silks, rifles and majorettes in a precision marching performance. Competition is scheduled to three classes - A for bands with 64 or less instrumentalists; AA, bands with 65 to 90 instrumentalists; and Open Class, bands with 97 or more players.

Taking part in Class A competition will be the South Park Eagles, directed by William Rossetti, and the Greensburg-Salem Golden Lions, led by Joseph Buncie, Class AA competitors will be the Windber Area Spirit & Excellence under the direction of Vic Mannella and the New Brighton Marching Lion Pride, directed by William Galvin.

Competing in the Open Class will be the Elizabeth Forward Warriors with Homer Smith directing and the Norwin Knights directed by L. Hancock.

The host McKeesport Tiger Band will perform in the judged exhibition under the leadership of Karen L. Donaldson. They will present "Main Event" as the opener, "Big Noise from Winnetka" as the concert number, "Turbo" for a percussion feature and "Ai No Corrida" for their production, exiting with "Even Now."

Each band will be judged and trophies will be awarded for best drum major, best majorettes, best rifles, best silks, best percussion, high general effect and high music. Judges will be members of the Pennsylvania Federation of Contest Judges.

Most recent awards received by the band are a Commendation of Excellence earned last May at Disney World in Florida and a Third Overall Class AA from the Pennsylvania Federation of Contest Judges Championship.

September 7, 1984

WAPITIS' BENEFIT ON CALENDAR

Arrangements have been completed for the early fall benefit of the Wapitis, Ladies Auxiliary to McKeesport B.P.O. Elks Lodge 136.

The event will take the form of a fashion show, card and games party on Sept. 15, a week from tomorrow, beginning with luncheon at noon in the Elks Home, Fifth Avenue at Market St. Tickets are available from members with sales continuing at the door.

Games will be handled by Mrs. Denney, Peggy Marino and Elizabeth Williams and luncheon will be served by Vivian Virag, Mary Altman, Ethel Chadwick and Edith Shaffer. Others on committees are Ruth Bechtol and Beverly Cordis, door prizes; Mrs. Herr and Mrs. Wunderley, tickets; Mrs. Dody and Mrs. Marino, door; and Margaret McCabe, publicity.

September 11, 1984

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING ON THURSDAY

A meeting of the McKeesport Council of Republican Women has been scheduled Thursday at noon in the Elks Dining Room.

Helen Bookhamer will preside and plans for a project for Kane Regional Hospital in McKeesport will be completed. Also discussed will be representation at the convention of the

Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women Oct. 7, 8 and 9 in the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh.

On the social committee are Hazel Torrance, Myrtle Cooper and Vi Margalati. The October meeting has been scheduled for the 18th.

September 20, 1984

FINE BIG CAST IN MUSICAL

“ANNIE” AT MCKESPORT LITTLE THEATER

“Never play opposite a kid or a don” is a long-standing theatrical maxim.

The grownups in “Annie,” at McKeesport Little Theater, fearlessly defy this warning. Monica Lee Gradischek, in the title role, sings, dances and acts like a “pro,” while staying a little girl.

Dancing and singing right along with her are the other residents of the New York City Municipal Orphanage.

The orphans are: Stacey Sander, Karrie Kalich, Kristen Klein, Jennifer Rowles, Lisa Wurzel and Kathy Connolly

Co-producers Ann Traeger and Michelle Bogovich, and Gerry Dalton, director, staged this production with tender loving care.

Playing Hooverillites, sophisticated New Yorkers, obliging servants, members of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s cabinet and other roles are : Tom Arillotta, Diann Burke, Debra Davila, William C. Ellsworth Jr., John F. Kulevich, Geore Losenhausen, Valerie Marriott, Elmer Renquist and Rick Sallinger - versatile performers all.

Dick Schwirian is a gallant, gentle Daddy Warbucks. Robert Castro and Denise Pullen pose as Annie’s parents and collect the reward money.

The show continues Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the theater at the corner of Coursin St. and Bailie Avenue through October 14.

September 24, 1984

KIWANIS MEETING

The past year’s accomplishments will be discussed by President Calvin Clark during tomorrow’s McKeesport Kiwanis Club meeting, at 12:05 p.m. at the McKeesport YWCA.

Lt. Governor-Elect George Riley will induct the new officers: President Alan Anderson; First Vice President Herman Haase; Second Vice President Robert Baum; Immediate Past President Clark; Treasurer Riley; Secretary Francis Show; Directors Clark Breeding, Glenn Rojohn and Richard Weaver.

A lifesaving-lifeguarding course, including basic instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, will begin at the McKeesport YMCA Oct. 3 at 6 p.m

The course, which will continue on Wednesday evenings for 11 weeks, includes lifeguard certification and CPR testing.

October 1, 1984

20TH CENTURY STARTING YEAR

A new year will begin for McKeesport's 20th Century Club with a meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the social rooms of Faith Lutheran Church in White Oak.

As program co-chairperson, Mrs. William R. Rost and Mrs. William L. Benedetti have announced that the program for the initial session will be concerned with hospices. Speakers will be Marylou McLaughlin on "Family House to Us" and Frances Barg whose topic will be "Hospice in Your World."

Refreshments have been arranged by the social committee, headed by Mrs. Laurence T. Ritchie and Mrs. Jack K. McCune.

Business session will be conducted by Mrs. Edgar C. Cordero who is continuing in office for another year. Serving with her are Mrs. John R. Meriedith, first vice president; Mrs. John M.F. MacDonald, second vice president; Mrs. Frank Dowling, recording secretary; Mrs. Jack A. Wilson, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Thurman Markland, treasurer.

During the meeting plans for the annual benefit will be cited by the activities committee co-chairpersons, Mrs. Marty D. Humberson and Mrs. Andrew Beamon.

Other committee heads for the year are Mrs. Kevin Ryan, publicity; Mrs. MacDonald, reciprocity; Mrs. Walter D. McElroy, by-laws; Mrs. Paul Bendik, budget and finance; and Mrs. Jaye S. Gamble, Jr., auditing.

Plans for the year will be reviewed by the program and social chairpersons.

October 2, 1984

'D' NO SURPRISE IN BACK-TO-BACK TIGER WINS

McKeesport High School football coach George Smith doesn't think it's surprising that his Tigers romped to back-to-back victories in the Quad-A East Conference.

The Tigers outscored Plum and Hempfield by a combined score of 77-6.

"Our defense has caused the other teams to make a lot of turnovers and mistakes," said Smith. "When that happens, the final score isn't surprising. In fact, it could have been worse in the Plum game because we had two touchdowns called back."

The opportunistic Tigers have been a high-spirited, aggressive team defensively. In particular, Smith has often praised the play of Tigers' defensive ends Ron Urbansky and Tom Tutko, even though their statistics don't always reflect the effort. Usually, it's lineman Jenno Riggs, or linebackers Darnel Warren and Ted Phillips leading the team in tackles, or making the big play.

"All our defensive ends are good athletes," said Smith. "That's why someone like Hyde had no trouble moving to the secondary. Hyde played a good all-around game against Hempfield. Our whole secondary played well."

October 5, 1984

CHRISTY PARK GIRLS PLAN '82 REUNION

"Over the Rainbow" is the theme selected for the 16th reunion of the Christy Park Girls on October 24 in the Lemon Tree with entertainment provided by an AARP choral group.

First reunion took place in 1964 when Mary Menear Dougherty entertained 19 of her former co-workers at the U. S. Steel's Christy Park Works in her home.

Making the arrangements this year are Gladys Morrow, general chairman; Louise Opperman, co-chairman; Jean Livingston, Louise Lang, Ginny Forgash and

Mrs. Dougherty.

October 20, 1984

FOLK MUSIC TO MARK PROGRAM FOR MCKEESPORT MSIC CLUB

Plans for the year's activities will be discussed and a program of folk music will be presented by Louise Cullen at the October meeting of the McKeesport Music Club tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in Immanuel United Presbyterian Church.

Presiding will be Margaret Anater, vice president, and the club collect will be read by Harriet Fraas. Yearbooks will be distributed.

Arrangements will be discussed for the annual community Thanksgiving service that is the gift of the club to the community each year. This year's event will take place Nov. 18 in First United Methodist Church with the program presented by the choir of the church.

Officers of the club for the current year are Dorothy Schrader, president; Mrs. Anater, vice president; Mrs. McKee, secretary; Mrs. Staab, treasurer; Hazel Cassidy, federation secretary; and Mrs. Fraas, historian.

Scholarship project will be handled by Virginia Casabona, Michael J. Abraitis III, Alice Challener, Gladys Richards, Mrs. Schrader and Miss Elster, Miss Blackburn is scholarship chairman; Miss Elster, Hymn of the month chairman and Helene Kampas, remembrance chairman. Social chairman is Mrs. Cassidy and membership chairman, Mrs. Casabona.

October 26, 1984

LIONS PLAN FETE

The Mon-Yough Lions Club will mark its 10th anniversary Nov. 4, honoring charter members in the process and paying special tribute to state Supreme Court Justice Nicholas Papadakos of McKeesport. Site of the banquet will be the McKeesport Elks, and the principal speaker will be John L. Stickley of South Carlina, past president of Lions International.

Committee members are August Gabris, club president; the Rev. Donald Henry; Ted McFarland; chairman, and Russell Phillips.

They said a cocktail hour will begin the program at 5 p.m., with dinner an hour later. Tickets may be obtained from committee members, at the Renzie Lounge and through Harry James at the Elks. The event is open to the public.

October 31, 1984

WITH TITLE, HOME FIELD AT STAKE, PRIDE DRIVES SERRA

A Three Rivers Conference football championship and home-field advantage for the first round of the WPIAL Class AA playoffs will be at stake when Serra hosts unbeaten Swissvale (9-0, 8-0) pm Saturday afternoon.

As the 3RC champion, the Eagles would host the loser of the Allegheny Conference game between Freeport and Jeannette Friday night at McKee Stadium. As runner-up, Serra would travel to face the winner of the Freeport-Jeannette contest, most likely on Friday night.

Coach Dick Bowen would obviously prefer to have his Eagles (7-2, 7-1) play on their home turf against either Jeannette or Freeport, considered to be two of the strongest Double-A. But there is also the matter of pride.

"We want to be the Three Rivers Conference champions more than anything else right now," said Bowen. "That would really be great. Nobody even expected us to be in a position to win it."