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Picking their own

Laura Gunn, left, age 13, and her sister, Cathy, age 10, have fun picking strawberries at Don and Shirley Weidner's property in Lehman.

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Strawberry fields forever?

By WALLY KOCHER
Staff Correspondent

Hey, all you berry pickers! It's time to get all those berry baskets out of the cellar and trot out to the fields. Don't forget to take your copy of "The Dallas Post" with you, though because right here, we've got a list of all the berry fields in the area.

There are several farms in the area that are letting the public go in and pick their own strawberries. We at The Dallas Post have decided to list a directory of a few of these farms. So, read on and happy picking!

NAME: Ed Lucas Farm
DAYS AND TIME OPEN: Seven days a week; 8 a.m. till dark.

PRICE: 70 cents quart basket; 75 cents per quart if you buy their baskets.

DIRECTIONS: Route 11 until you hit the main intersection in Shickshinny. Turn right onto Route 239, and go approximately 8 miles. Follow signs.

TYPE OF BERRIES: Guardian-good for freezing, Catskill-smaller, good for jellies.

PHONE NUMBER: 864-3323.

HOW LONG IN BUSINESS: 8 years.

The owners of the Ed Lucas farm would like you to know that berry picking can be a family event. Bring the kids.

NAME: Sutliff's Farm.

DAYS AND TIME OPEN: Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5 p.m. till dark.

PRICE: 65 cents a quart with your own basket; 75 cents a quart if you buy their baskets.

DIRECTIONS: Take Route 11 till you hit the main intersection at Shickshinny. Turn right onto Route 239 and go for a mile. Turn left and follow signs.

TYPES OF BERRIES: Catskill.

PHONE NUMBER: 864-3131.

HOW LONG IN BUSINESS: 26 years.

Everything taken from Sutliff's farm must be taken in quart baskets. Picking in quart baskets and dumping in other containers will not be allowed.

NAME: Harding's Farm.

DAYS AND TIMES OPEN: Seven days a week, preferably 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

PRICE: \$1.30 if already picked; 80 cents if picked by yourself with your own baskets; 85 cents if you buy their baskets and pick them.

DIRECTIONS: Located on Route 29, Noxen. After entering Noxen, there will be a Methodist Church on the left. The Harding farm is five houses down from the church, less than one mile.

TYPES OF BERRIES: Scott-very sweet; Sparkle-very large, good for freezing.

PHONE NUMBER: 298-2471.

NAME: Morgan's Farm.

DAYS AND TIMES OPEN: Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5 p.m.-dark.

PRICE: 65 cents a quart with your own baskets; 70 cents a quart if you use their baskets.

DIRECTIONS: Travel along Main Street, Sweet Valley, till you hit the "Y" in the road near the Ross Elementary School. Bear right, and follow the road for approximately two miles. Turn left and proceed for 2 miles till you see the "strawberry" sign pointing to the left.

TYPE OF BERRIES: Guardian & Catskill.

PHONE NUMBER: 256-3042 or 256-3465.

HOW LONG IN BUSINESS: 5 years.

You'll be able to pick at the Morgan farm six days a week, but not until the picking is good. Call before you make the trip. This advice is good for all the farms.

Cider Painters of America open miniature art show

By ANN DEVLIN
Staff Correspondent

The Cider Painters of America announce the opening of their miniature art show at The Art Gallery, College Misericordia through July 9.

Don't expect to see paintings of cider, or even apples. On display is a variety of paintings no larger than 3 by 5 inches. The Cider Painters of America are dedicated to the fine art of painting miniatures.

Founded in 1983, the Cider Painters of America are a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the Whiskey Painters of America, a national group of professional artists. The Whiskey Painters of America originated from the Work Projects Administration begun in the Depression to provide jobs for artists. In their free time, the artists started meeting in bars, where they painted miniatures while enjoying the companionship of fellow painters and a bit of liquid



SUE HAND

refreshment. Story has it that the group continued to paint each meeting until the last member fell off the bar stool. Today, however, the Whiskey Painters of America are quite serious about their work, and members include such famous artists as Jamie Wyeth and Don Stone.

The idea for the Cider Painters sprung up in Sue Hand's Imagery art studio on Main Street, Dallas. According to Hand, spokesperson for the group, about 10 artists who enjoy painting miniatures got together at the studio (Imagery) one night and decided to form a club. "We toasted to the future with glasses of cider," says Sue.

There are several reasons for the Cider Painter's existence. "We encourage each other and help each other with our paintings," says Sue. "It's challenging to artists because it's a totally different experience to paint so small."

Miniatures also make good sense (See CIDER, page 8)

Gina Major

New Miss Pennsylvania considers Back Mountain area her 'home'

By WALLY KOCHER
Staff Correspondent

Back Mountain residents have hundreds of reasons to be proud of their community. Many area children have grown and made successful names for themselves, and now this has happened once again.

Gina Major, 25, formerly of Huntsville, has become the area's newest claim to fame and pride and joy, having been crowned Miss Pennsylvania on June 16, at the Joffa Mosque in Altoona, Pa.

In an exclusive interview with The Dallas Post, Gina shared her joyous feelings, inner most thoughts, and future plans with us.

"The idea of being a celebrity hasn't quite sunken in yet," she said. "Little by little it's beginning to hit me. For example, all I did the Monday and Tuesday after I was named Miss Pennsylvania was talk on the phone to the press. I'm not used to that kind of stuff."

Gina is a 1976 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, and a 1980 graduate of Drexel University

where she majored in marketing.

Before winning the pageant, Gina was a public relations manager for the Strawbridge and Clothier department store chain. She resided in Ardmore, a suburb of Philadelphia.

"Unfortunately, I had the type of job that needed to be filled," said the 5'-5" blonde. "However, they said that if I wanted to return after my reign, it could possibly be worked out."

"I have a three-fold goal for my future, though," she added. "First I would like to get my B.A. degree in marketing, and then I'd like to own and manage my own marketing agency. Thirdly, I would like to possibly get into singing professionally."

Gina's talent portion of the contest consisted of a vocal medley of, "I Feel a Song Coming On," and "Broadway Rhythm." Her love for music was evident while she was yet in high school. She participated in both band and chorus, winning several honors in each.

"I was very musical in high school," said Gina. "I knew that



GINA MAJOR

music would always be a part of my life, so before I went to college, I had to ask myself a question. Did I want to major in music or business? I didn't want to be a poor, starving musician, and I didn't want to have to sing to put food on the table. What I mean is that if I "had" to do something, anything, it wouldn't be for me. I want to work because I want to and not because I have to. So I chose business.

"I'm still studying voice professionally," she went on. "In fact, I've sung at weddings and telethons, but what I'll do with my singing in the future is yet to be seen."

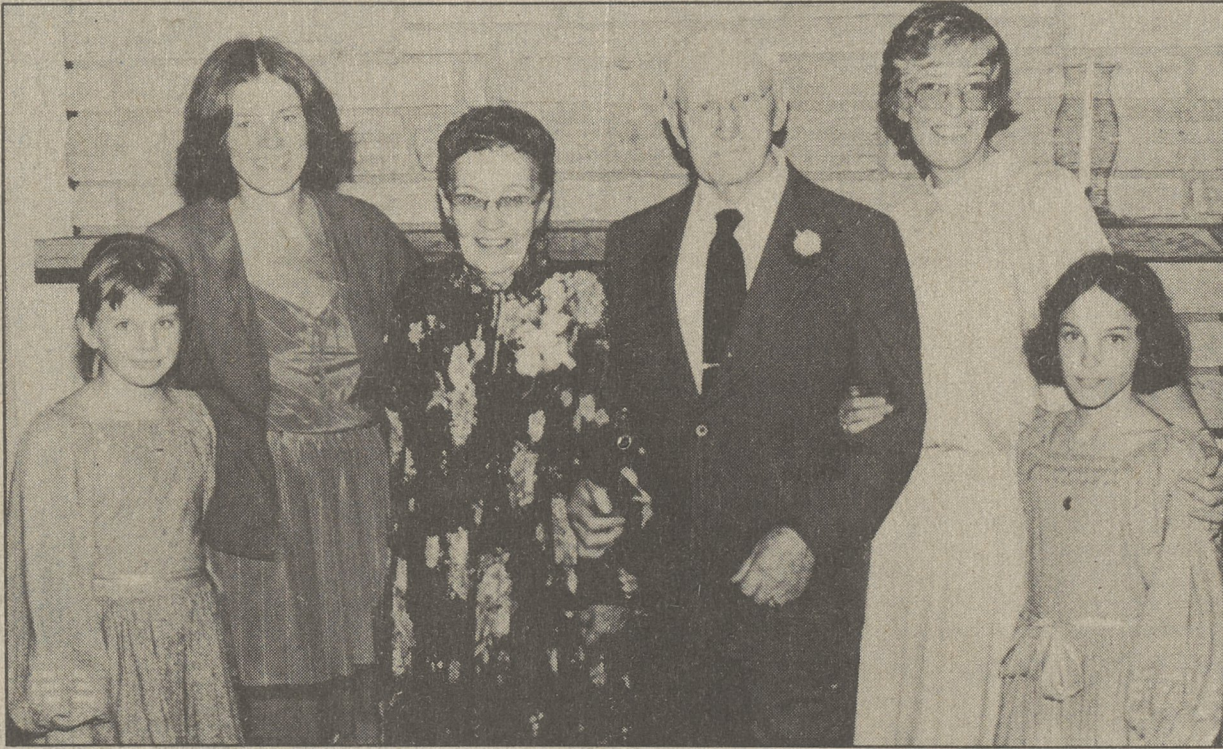
Gina feels the most influential person in her life has been her mother.

"I know it sounds trite because everyone says that," she said, "but I really do believe that I couldn't have gotten this far without my mother's support and help."

Gina's mother, Mrs. Virginia Major, of Huntsville, doesn't feel any credit should go to her.

"I've always done all I could to support Gina," said Mrs. Major, "but she earned it on her own. It was a long, hard journey, but she made it."

It was indeed a long and hard journey for Gina. The recent Miss Pennsylvania pageant was Gina's (See MISS, page 8)



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Ambroses note 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. "Red" Ambrose, of Elmcrest Drive, Dallas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cocktail party for family and friends at the Irem Temple Country Club Sunday evening. Mrs. Ambrose celebrated her 76th birthday on Sunday, June 24. The couple was married June 23, 1934, in West Chester, Pa. Mr. Ambrose is a former businessman at Sunset, Harveys Lake, while Mrs. Ambrose, the former Ruth Pritchard, taught kindergarten and first grade for 16 years at the Dallas Borough School. The Ambroses are shown here in the top left photo as they prepare to cut the three-tier

anniversary cake that was offered to their guests. The couple is shown in the photo at right with their daughters and granddaughters who also attended the celebration. From left, Adria Linder, granddaughter; Annabelle Linder, daughter, of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Mrs. Ambrose, Mr. Ambrose, Sandy Shey, daughter, of Washington D.C.; and Greta Linder, granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose were presented with a citation from State Senator Frank O'Connell at the party and also received a note of congratulations from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

Children's Library relocated to former borough school

The Back Mountain Memorial Library announced the reopening of the Children's Library relocated to the former Dallas Borough School Building on Huntsville Road.

A huge banner was draped on the building proclaiming it the new

home for the entire library. The library staff will move the rest of the books and offices to the new facility upon completion of extensive alterations. The alterations are necessary to make over the elementary school building to quarters

appropriate for a library facility.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has begun the initial organization of a capital campaign in order to raise funds toward the \$450,000 estimated cost of the reno-

vations.

On hand to unveil the banner and help conduct a tour of the new facility were Ernest Ashbridge, President of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Direc-

tors; William Frederick, Head Librarian; Marilyn Rudolph, Children's Librarian and Nancy Eckert, member of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Direc-

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