



**Bear for Bill** 

Bill Murphy of Noxen stands alongside his truck which is carrying a 148 pound bear he bagged in Wyoming County.

## **Boy Scouts receive Merit Badges**

Twenty one local youth were honored in the Fall Court of Honor held by Explorer Post and Troop 232 at Merrick Hall, College Misericordia. The awards were presented to the boys by Lee D. Williames, Senior Patrol Leader, James Strange, Asst. Senior Patrol Leader and Nathan Kelley, Vice President of the Explorer Post. Dr. Lee Williames, the Scoutmaster, made special note of some truly unique achievements of the scouts.

Nathan Kelley, Lee D. Williames, and Andy Yencha were recognized for earning both the 50 Mile Afloat and the 50 Mile Afoot awards in this past summer. They completed a 60 mile backpacking trip on the Loyalsock Trail and a 60 mile white water canoe trek on the Delaware.

James Strange and Lee D. Williames were presented with the Readers Digest Leadership Award for the leadership of the Troop and Post, respectively. They are now being considered for the area wide leadership award.

The Scouts and Explorers were recognized for awards they had earned from July through the end of

Eric Williams has received Skill Awards for Family Living, Environmental Science, Camping, Cooking, Physical Fitness, Hiking, Communications and First Aid. He also received a Merit Badge for First Aid and Second Class.

Shane Williams received Merit Badges for Canoeing, Environmental Science, Sport, Swim, First

Bob Skursky received Merit bAdges for Finger Painting, Archery, Orienteering, Environmental Science, Home Repairs.

Ron Fitch received Merit Badges for Environmental Science, Camping, Orienteering, and Wilderness

Steven Chabala received Skill Awards for Family Living and Communications.

Bob Rowlands received Merit Badges for Communications, Environmental Science, Orienteering, Astronomy, and Star Scout Rank. Jim Gialanella received Tender-

foot and Skill Awards for Communications and Family Living. Joe Hudak has earned a Merit

Badge for Tenderfoot and Skill Awards for Family Living and Communications Nate Kelley has earned Merit Badges for Astonomy, Cooking, Fish and Wildlife Management, Mammals, Geology, Orienteering, Basketry, Woodcarving, Leather Working,

Paul Bunyan Ax and Woodsman

Award, 50 Miles Afoot and World

Conservation Award. John Kristan has earned Merit Badges for Environmental Science,

Chris Kuhar has earned Merit Badges for Cooking and Environmental Science.

John Mitchell has earned a Merit Badge for First Aid and Skill Awards for Environmental Science, Camping, Orienteering and Cooking. Alan Landis has earned Merit Badges for Camping, Astronomy, Leatherwork, Woodworking, Basketry, Fish and Wildlife.

Michael Dzanko has earned Star Scout Rank and Merit Badges for Sports, Fish and Wildlife, Camping, Soil and Water Conservation.

Jamie Strange has earned Merit Badges for Orienteering, Camping, Mammals, World Conservation Award and Leadership Award.

Jeff Malik has earned the Scout Badge and Citizenship Skill Award. Dave Larkin has earned the Scout Badge and Citizensship Skill Award.

David Wojciechowski has earned Tenderfoot and Merit Badges for Camping, Cooking and Hiking.
Sam Wilkes has earned Skill Awards for Environmental Science,

First Aid and Hiking and a Merit Badge for First Aid Second Class. Andy Yencha has earned the Bronze Palm for Eagle and Merit Badges for Back Packing and 50 Mile Afoot.

Lee Williames has earned the Gold Palm and Silver Palm for Eagle, 50 Mile Afoot and Leadership



**Brothers with bear** Chester J. Kuzma of Swoyersville, left, isn't a hunter, but poses here with his brother, Charles of Centermoreland and an 82 pound bear Charles bagged in Monroe County.



A big one

Richard Derhammer of Harveys Lake is shown here with a 110 pound bear he downed in Ross Township in Luzerne County.

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