



# People



### Robes accepted

A Dedication Service was recently held at the Shavertown United Methodist Church for the purpose of accepting the new choir robes and stoles, along with the four-octave Malmrk Handbells. At the Worship Service, the Youth Handbell Choir played and then accompanied the Festival Choir. The Youth Handbell Choir is directed by Gloria Miller who is assisted by Bonnie Ziegler as the manager of the Choir. The Festival Choir is directed by Michael S. Miller, who serves as Music Director of the church. Shown in the photo at left are Festival Choir members. From left, first row, Michael Miller, director; Cassie Munzing, Lori Henninger, Jane Jones, Hazel



Honeywell, Marie Troxell, June Jones; second row, Gene Wert, Helen Davis, Tracy Davis, Helen Earles, Carolyn Straka, Alice Niskey; third row, Joan Williams, Joe Allen, John Rogers, Harvey Odell, John Bunney, Karen Niskey; fourth row, Dick Williams, Edward S. Brace. Missing from photo was Lloyd Warneka. Youth Handbell Choir members are shown in the photo at right. From left, first row, Amanda Kauffman, Jennifer Besecker, Sean Straka, Michelle Parrish, Paul Deeble, Gloria Miller, director; second row, Eric Marshall, Joe Gilbert, Scott Marshall, Hugh Hall, Jeff Miller. Missing from photo was Bonnie Ziegler. The pastors of the Church are Reverend James A. Wert and Harriet L. Santos.



### Wandel honored

Nick Tsiolos, owner of Rollaway Skating Rink, Memorial Highway, Dallas, presents an annual skating pass to Back Mountain resident Trudy Wandel, for the name Rollaway submitted by Miss Wandel. Trudy's name Rollaway for the skating rink, formerly owned by the late Anthony Bonomo, Sr., was selected from hundreds of entries submitted for naming the newly-renovated skating rink. The Rollaway Rink, open daily, is supervised by adult personnel. Special arrangements may be made for private parties, fundraising activities and group rates by calling Tsiolos at 675-4844.

## Smoking figures released

More than three million of the cigarette smokers in America today are teenagers. And recent figures indicate that more girls than boys smoke cigarettes.

Teen-age females are more likely than males to begin smoking, and may be more susceptible to the social pressures to smoke according to recent studies.

Many health professionals believe that the rise in female teenage smoking can be stemmed by educational programs which concentrate on teaching social skills and techniques for resisting smoking temptations.

In explaining why teenagers decide to begin smoking, the American Heart Association points out that young people both boys and girls, usually begin to face pressures to smoke between the ages of 12 and 14. This is an age when they are moving away from their families and closer to their friends. Teenagers themselves suggest that pressure from friends is a major reason they start smoking. Most teenagers who smoke are likely to have friends who smoke.

The family is also a major influence on the smoking behavior of children. Parents serve as models. In families where one or both parents smoke, a child is more likely to smoke. And in families where older brothers or sisters smoke, there is an even greater chance that the younger child will acquire the habit.

Additionally, young people may be influenced by cigarette advertisements, which generally show young and attractive people doing interesting and exciting things.

What can be done in the family? Smoking should not be allowed in the home, and parents who feel they have to smoke should not do so in front of the children. In addition, parents should ask other adults who visit the home not to smoke.

Parents can also try to discourage young people from smoking by supporting school and community efforts.



### Holiday party held

Brownie Troop 641 of Lehman recently held its Christmas party at the Lehman Fire Hall. The highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa. Shown here at the party are, from left, first row, Bobbi Stogoski, Kelly Spencer, Ceri Yankoski, Tanya Kosakowski, Geana Powell, Beth Kelly, Lisa Gunn. Second row, Diane Alters, Judy Gunn, troop leader; April Masters, Kelly Komsisky, Santa, Beth Turner, Kristy Mascalis, Melissa Kozlowski, Lori Kubacki, Amy Grobosky, Amy Rogers, Helen Gunn, assistant troop leader. Absent at the time of the photo were Lou Ann Alters, assistant leader and Kristy Hozempa.

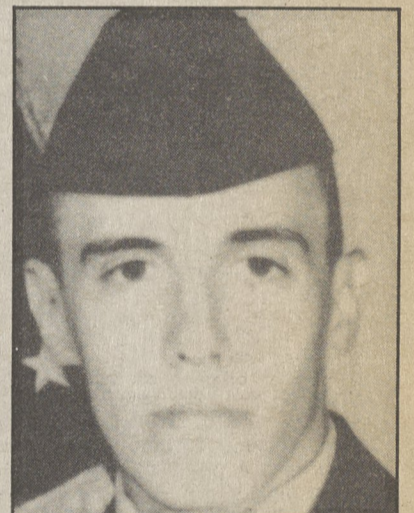
## Completes support course

Army National Guard Pvt. 1st Class Kevin W. Bittenbender, son of Robert S. and Kathryn W. Bittenbender of 130 W. Pettebone, Forty Fort, has completed the field artillery fire support course under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort Sill, Okla.

During the course, the students were taught to perform as forward observers, and to establish field communications for a battery or battalion.

OSUT is a program that combines basic training with advanced individual training.

He is a 1983 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston.



PVT. KEVIN BITTENBENDER

## Scouts win First Aid Meet

Troop 232 of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas has won the Penn Mountains Council Annual First Aid Meet.

The troop's patrols placed first and second in the Back Mountain area competition at College Misericordia on November 21. They then placed first and third in the Council wide competition held on Nov. 26 at Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre.

The first place patrol was led by Lee D. Williams and included Nathan Kelley, Robert Rowlands, Mike Dzanko, Shane Williams, Joe

Hudak and Jim Gialanella. The troop's other award winning patrol was led by James Strange and included Ron Fitch, John Mitchell, Sam Wilkes, Eric Williams, Steve Chabala, David Larkin and David Wojciechowski.

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