

# People in the news

**AIRMAN MEDEA S. LUTES**, daughter of Billy J. Lutes of 39 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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**THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, announces that Rev. Sam Byler will be a guest speaker at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina. Rev. Byler, pastor of Saco Road Baptist Church, Towanda, will speak during Home Missions Week, July 6-11.

Ridgecrest is one of two national Bible study and training centers for the Southern Baptist Convention. It provides training in an inspirational setting for major church programming areas such as Sunday School, Missions, and Music.

The Northeast Baptist Association is comprised of eight churches and seven chapels located in northeast Pennsylvania, covering 11,507 square miles.

Other pastors and their wives attending Ridgecrest this summer include: Dr. and Mrs. William Duke, Director of Missions for Northeast Baptist Association; Rev. and Mrs. David Penley, pastor of Dallas Baptist Church, Dallas, Pa.; and Rev. and Mrs. Jim White, pastor of Wyoming Valley Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Dallas Baptist Church, located on Route 415, Idetown, is the local church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in this area.

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**SGT. DALE J. SHAFER**, son of Alger W. and Alyce M. Shafer of Rural Route 1, Sweet Valley, has been named outstanding non-commissioned officer of the month for the 502nd Infantry.

The non-commissioned officer was chosen from a select group of peers who were judged on military bearing and knowledge, professional skill and exemplary behavior.

Shafer is a fire direction chief in West Germany.

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**COLETTE J. FEENEY**, 148 E. Overbrook Road, Shavertown, and **NANCIE J. FITCH**, Rd 1, Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, recently received undergraduate degrees during commencement exercises held at the University of Scranton.

Ms. Feeney and Ms. Fitch both received degrees in Biology.

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**FOUR BACK MOUNTAIN RESI-**

**DENTS** were recently honored Outstanding Science Students in Junior and Senior High School by the Luzerne County Science Teachers' Association (LCSTA).

They are Michele Lamoreux, Dallas; Peter Morcos, Dallas; Sue Wells, Dallas; and Andrea Dent, Dallas.

President Anthony Podczasy, Hanover Area High School, and President-elect Dr. David Stiller, Mining & Mechanical Institute, presented plaques to the Senior High students and certificates to the Junior High students at the Association's Fifteenth Annual Meeting.

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**C-TEC CORPORATION** recently awarded six employees and one of its operating groups for outstanding performance during 1985. The company recognized the individuals as well as Commonwealth Mobile Services for their professional accomplishments during the year and presented each with C-TEC's Pursuit of Excellence Award.

Back Mountain residents honored include Ralph Kelly, of Dallas, network operations center supervisor for Commonwealth Telephone Company; Carol Shelhamer, of Dallas, communications coordinator for C-TEC; and Mark Zarambo, of Shavertown, distribution design support manager for Commonwealth Telephone Company.

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**MOLLY HUGHES**, of Huntsville Road, Dallas; **BRIAN MOORE**, 5 Marywood Drive, Dallas; and **KAREN REABUCK**, 40 Westminster Drive, Dallas, were recently named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, for outstanding student scholarship during the second semester of the 1985-86 academic year.

The average of a student's grades in all courses during the semester must have equalled 3.5 or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

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**SEVERAL BACK MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS** were among the 400 students who received either Bachelor's or Associate degrees at recent commencement exercises held at King's College.

They are: James J. Downs, RD 4, Box 213, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science; Francine B. Miller, RD 1, Box 199, 42nd St., Dallas, Bachelor of Arts, Government and French.

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Nora J. Pfeiffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pfeiffer, 15 Colonial Road, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Eugene P. Leeham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Leeham, 123 Orchard St., Newberry Estates, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; David W. Hartzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hartzel, RD 5, Box 3785, Dallas.

Also, Gerald J. Hanchulka, 250 Cliffside Ave., Trucksville, Bachelor

of Arts, Government; Sharon E. Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Everett, 19 Towers Road, Shavertown, Association Science Degree, Legal Assistant; Elizabeth A. Buzinkal, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald I. Buzinkal, 16 Chase Road, Shavertown, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts, English; Mary M. Swaback, 434 Orchard West, Dallas, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science, Health Care Management.

Also, Elizabeth A. Duda, daughter of Mrs. Jean R. Duda, 41 Davenport St., Dallas, Associate Science, Legal Assistant; Herbert S. Dreher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dreher, Sr., 240 Elizabeth St., Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Computers and Information Systems; David A. Chismer, son of Eugene and Elaine Chismer, 3 Old Well Lake, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Computers and Information Systems; Paul G. Newhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Newhart, 481 Chase Road, Shavertown, Bachelor of Science, Health Care Management, Computer and Information Systems; Michael R. Cuba, 99 Shagbark Drive, Shavertown, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Computers and Information Systems.

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**THREE BACK MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS** have been named to the current Spring 1986 Dean's List at Mansfield University. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be attending the university full-time and earn at least a 3.50 grade point average.

Area students named to the List are: Lorena Marie Beniquez, 57 Echo Valley, Shavertown, Mass Communications; Richard R. Cundiff, RD 1, Harveys Lake, Physics; and Patrick Kern, RD 6, Roushey St., Dallas, Information Processing.

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**AMBER FORSTER**, of Dallas, a student at Asbury College, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter. Amber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Forster from Dallas.

Asbury College, named after Bishop Francis Asbury, first Methodist Bishop and Circuit Rider in America, was founded in 1890 as a Christian liberal arts school in the heart of the Bluegrass Region. More than 10,000 graduates serve around the world in nearly every vocation.

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**LISA M. THOMAS**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Hood College.

A junior in the fall, Ms. Thomas has been a member of the Hood College Choir. She is a 1984 graduate of Lexington High School in Lexington, Ohio.

In order to be named to the dean's list at Hood College, a student must earn at least a 3.4 grade point average, based on a scale of 4.0.

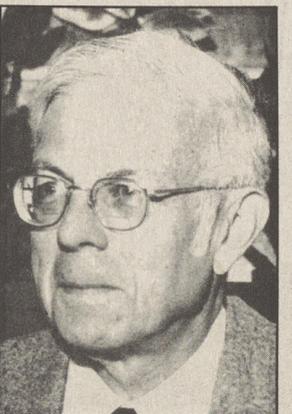
## Dr. Thom honored upon retirement

Back in March of 1956 when the staff was half its size and the trees which surround Children's Service Center were half as tall, Dr. William Thom began his professional career as a psychologist.

On Sunday, June 29, 30 years later, a retirement party for family, friends and business associates will be held in his honor at the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas to mark this special occasion.

A graduate of Princeton and Penn State University, Bill Thom has always loved the opportunity to work with children. From his position as a reading and English teacher and then guidance counselor for the George School in George School, Pa. to staff psychologist at Children's Service Center, Dr. Thom's career preferences always included children.

After functioning for a few years as a counseling psychologist trainee for the V.A. Hospital in Lebanon, Pa., he ultimately decided that he would devote his professional life to helping young and troubled individuals develop and grow to lead healthy and productive lives. It was this hope for promising futures that



DR. WILLIAM THOM

brought him to CSC and kept him there for over 30 years.

Dr. Thom's own style and demeanor often served as a model to those who were near. During a recent educational presentation on children's temperaments and behav-

ior for young mothers, he was plagued with interruptions by a rather impatient toddler. Without a word or raising a voice, Dr. Thom gently picked up the child and placed him on his lap while continuing his presentation. The toddler sat quietly for the remainder of the session - an example of a gentle but firm and fair response that Bill Thom uses so frequently in his practice of treating children.

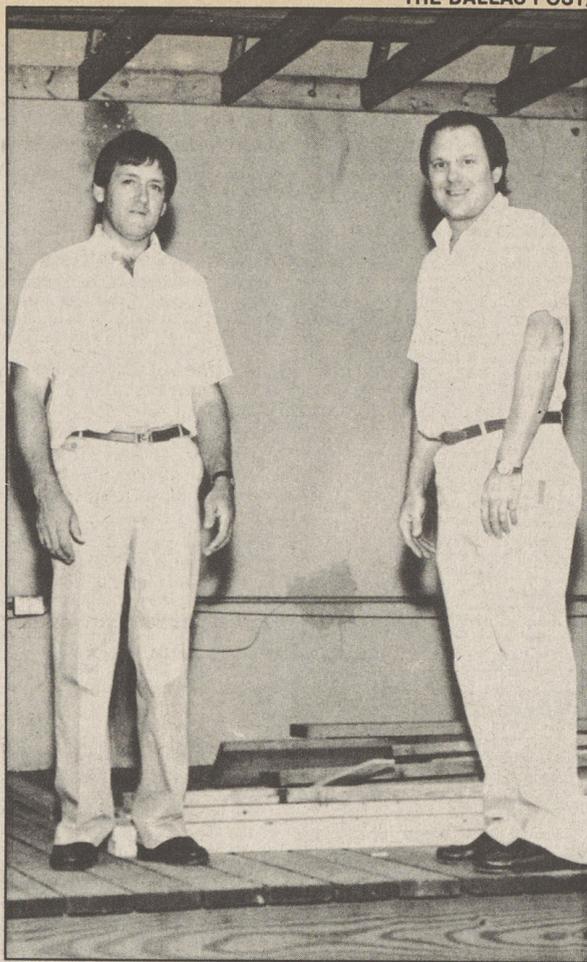
Bill Thom's very full professional career also included the past presidency of the Northeast Pennsylvania Psychological Association where he spent many years helping to advocate for the rights of children by suggesting changes in regulations governing the system of care. During his retirement he hopes to continue this same role of advocate by doing some writing reflective of his experiences and beliefs.

Dr. Bill Thom resides in Dallas with his wife, the former Mary Albertson. They have two daughters, Margaret, a college recruiter in Boston, Mass. and Rachael, an assistant manager of a food co-op in New Brunswick, New Jersey.



### Breakfast held

Pictured above are members of the Father's Day Breakfast at the Meadows Apartments. From left, seated, Eleanor Cragle, Sarah Clark, Dorothy Williams and Ann Hall. Standing, Janet Mazur, Assistant Manager; Ruth Foley, Minnie Hazeltine and Barbara Williams, Manager. Absent at the time of the photo were Theta Dickson and Ruth Muchler.



### New auction block

The 40th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held on July 9th through the 13th on the new auction grounds on Huntsville Road. The auction will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and continue until 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday will be from 6 to 11 and Saturday, the children's auction will be held from 10 to 12 noon with the regular auction beginning at 1 and running until 12 midnight. Sunday hours will be from 1 through 11 p.m. A new auction block, antiques room and new goods room are being built in back of the library. Pictured above, standing on the partly completed new auction block, are from left, Gary Foltz, building and grounds chairman and Dr. John Shaskas, general auction chairman.

## Property transfers

(The following Back Mountain properties have been transferred in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds at the Luzerne County Courthouse:)

**ANTHONY GARBUSH**, ux, to **BARBARA M. & DAVID PAULAKIS**, ux, Apt. 615, Country Club Apts, Route 309, Dallas, Property-Jackson Township, L-55, \$8,000.

**EST. OF MARY B. HOOVER**, to **KIMBERLY A. & MARK J. GRUNDOWSKI**, Box 455, RD 1, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, Property-Dallas Township, \$33,000.

**MATILDA JONES**, to **NANCY & GARY R. PESAVENTO**, ux, Box 68, RD 6, Dallas, Property-Dallas Township, Lts. 6-8 Section "B", \$1,000.

**"TRUSTEES" CATHERINE M. CORZAN**, et al, to **SUSAN C. & FRANK L. BORIS**, ux, 108 First Avenue, Kingston, Property-Jackson Township, \$47,965.

**P. JOHN HAGAN**, ux, to **SUZANNE & MATTHEW C. DEPRIMO**, ux, Pole 53, Harveys Lake, Property-Harveys Lake, 3 parcels.



CAROLYNN EDWARDS

### Three years old

Carolynn Edwards, daughter of Ronald and Carole Edwards, Harveys Lake is celebrating her third birthday June 26.

A birthday party will be held June 27 and following her party will be a magic show for her family and friends.



### Employees honored

Fourteen employees of Rural Health Corp. together have achieved over 130 years of service to the organizations patients. They include seated from left, Elizabeth Smith, Kingston, Mary Weir, Wyoming; Joseph Shiner, Swoyersville; and Mary Joe Belles, Shickshinny. Standing from left are Sandra Swingle, Noxen; Dr. Evan Thomas, Jr., Shavertown; Shirley O'Donnell, Sugarloaf; Patricia Brooks, Dallas; Jane Balavage, Harveys Lake and Stanford L. Weiss, Dallas.

## Arts

Do you find local entertainment lacking in variety? Are you bored? Boredom is a complaint many of the valley's residents express. Even I have occasionally reverted back to my adolescent "I'm bored, there's nothing to do in this town" stage, but I believe I have discovered a common solution to the entertainment plight. It is the Arts at Hayfield program and it has a little something for everyone.

The Arts at Hayfield is non-profit organization dedicated to promoting culture and the arts in our community. It is connected with our local

**DIANE WENDLING** "Love You Lions" Pennsylvania State University campus in Lehman, Pa. This branch of Penn State University is indeed more than just a college campus.

But before I explain further I would like to introduce you to three of the college's most articulate and interesting women. They are not only involved with, but are avid supporters of the arts at Hayfield program.

Jody Millard is their young, witty "coordinator of student programs." Originally from New Jersey she now lives in Dallas and has since October of 1981.

She received her undergraduate degree in communications-art from Bloomsburg University and her masters degree in student personal service from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

During her four years at Penn State she has been involved in all phases of the college, but she has never betrayed her first love, cartooning. After a long work day Jody has disciplined herself to come home to her pencil and sketchbook and turn everyday life into

amusing, satirical cartoons.

Jody's cartoons appear throughout the Penn State student handbook and they have for the past five years. The handbook contains a calendar, campus directory, campus map, university regulations, and other pertinent student information. Jody's cartoons depict the campus in amusing light as well as some of the awkward situations students manage to get themselves into.

Jody aspires to someday become a professional cartoonist, but for now she is concentrating on her own show to be presented by the Arts at Hayfield organization. The exact date for the show has not been set at the time of this article, although Jody hopes to have it in the middle or late summer.

Diane Ryan was my second victim of journalistic intent. She has been a resident of the Back Mountain for eight years and presently lives in Shavertown with her husband James Ryan and their 11 year old son Christopher.

Diane received her undergraduate degree in education from Shippensburg University and her masters degree in counseling from West Chester State College in Philadelphia.

Diane has been a member of the Penn State staff for six years. Her present title is "Coordinator of Counseling and Advising." Personally speaking she is the best counselor I have had during my college career.

Like Jody, Diane is also interested in art. She enjoys pencil sketching, pen and ink drawing and oil painting. Her favorite subject is literally in her own back yard. She enjoys painting outside in our beautiful "woody" landscape.

Diane also enjoys doing oriental needlework as well as quilting. She is delighted every Fall when Penn State Lehman campus is host to

quilters from all over the state and outlying areas. It is a fantastic show and it has drawn over 2000 people to the college campus. For more information contact the University Relations at 675-9218.

Unlike Jody, Diane is content with her status as an amateur artist. She does admit she hasn't had much time for her talent, but she hopes to find more time in the coming summer. When she goes fishing with her husband this summer she plans to take along not only her fishing pole, but her palette and easel also. Good luck Diane!

Joan Diana was the last of the trio I interviewed. She received her undergraduate degree in languages from College Misericordia and her masters degree in library science from Marywood College. She also has an additional masters degree in media management.

Although Joan lives in Pittston she spends much of her time in the Back Mountain. She has been head librarian at Penn State Lehman Campus for three years.

Joan is unlike Jody and Diane in that she personally does not pursue a specific artistic talent such as drawing or painting. She is what every artist needs in order to forge ahead, a patron. She is much like a cheerleader supporting the Arts at Hayfield organization just as a cheerleader supports her school football team.

Joan attends concerts, plays and gallery openings on the campus and elsewhere. She enjoys everything from Bach to Willie Nelson. She truly is an art connoisseur.

The Arts at Hayfield organization has been in existence for approximately two years. It was preceded by the Back Mountain Cultural Center, an earlier organization which disbanded.

(Diane Wendling is an arts columnist for The Dallas Post. Her column appears periodically.)