

# COMMUNITY



## Thachers 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Thacher of Harveys Lake were honored at a dinner party at the Castle Inn on Sunday, Aug. 27. They were married August 28, 1939 by the late Rev. T.C. Hesson in St. John's Reformed Church, St. John's, Pennsylvania. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. William Stahr of Drums. Their son, Leonard Thacher and his wife are residents of Woodbridge, Virginia. Their granddaughter, Kimberly Thacher graduated from Wyoming Seminary in May and is now attending the University of West Virginia.

## Foster grandparent program seeks volunteers

"At the end of every rainbow there's a child, a child with exceptional, special needs. A child with love to give that outshines any pot of gold."

For 24 years, Foster Grandparent volunteers have given their talents and love to children with exceptional needs. For 24 years, Foster Grandparents have held out helping hands and found thousands of little hands to hold. Now, additional Foster Grandparents are needed in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties to work with these special children.

In order to become a Foster Grandparent, you must be at least 60 years old and of limited income. Also, you need to possess a love for children. Once enrolled in the program, you will work 20 hours per week with children who have exceptional and special needs. Because it can "cost" money to volunteer in terms of travel expenses, meals, clothing, etc., Foster Grandparents receive a tax free stipend of \$2.20 for each hour that

you volunteer. In addition to the stipend, other benefits would include a free annual medical exam; reimbursed transportation expenses; paid holidays, sick and vacation time.

There are no special educational requirements or previous training necessary to become a Foster Grandparent. The Foster Grandparent Program staff and staff of the host agencies will provide all the training that you will need. Also, the FGP staff will find an appropriate, enjoyable placement for you that is close to your home.

Currently in Luzerne County, 77 Senior Citizens share their time, knowledge and affections with 171 disadvantaged children in day care centers, schools and hospitals. The host agency for our local Foster Grandparent Program is the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging. Currently, the Foster Grandparent Program is recruiting several new Foster Grandparents for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. If you would

like to become a member of this remarkable program, please call (collect if necessary) 287-5949 and speak with Mary Lou Perez-Zerfoss, the Project Director. Ms Perez Zerfoss will explain the program, discuss benefits and stipends, answer any questions you may have, and schedule a personal interview with you.

Are you curious about the Foster Grandparent Program? Talk to your fellow Senior Citizens who are members.

## Lehman church piano dedicated

The church sanctuary piano at Lehman United Methodist Church, presented to the church in loving memory of Alice Neely Elston, was dedicated in the morning worship service Sunday, Sept. 3 at 11:15 a.m. by the Rev. Michael Sham-bora, Jr.

Mr. Gilbert Tough, President of

## Former area residents open 5th technical school

Former Back Mountain residents Karen Manin and Sharon Foley recently celebrated the grand opening of their fifth Star Technical Institute location at Kingston Corners.

Karen is a co-owner and president of Star; Sharon is director of the school's main campus in New Jersey.

Karen and Sharon, daughters of Howard and Laura Samuels of Dallas, are graduates of the Westmoreland High School. The Samuels' grandson, Thomas Bloomer, is director of the Kingston extension of the institute.

Started as the Star Design School of Drafting in Cinnaminson, New Jersey in 1979 by Karen Manin and Harry Commisso, the school has expanded to four locations in New Jersey, the Kingston extension and a soon to open branch in Scranton. Along the way, Star added courses in electronic technology, computer operation, medical and dental, travel and other fields.

Bloomer said last week that most of the schools students attend the 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. classes, but the school also offers evening and afternoon classes for those who need

them. He said most courses take about 4 1/2 months to complete in the morning sessions, a bit longer for evenings or afternoons.

Bloomer said the school changes its offerings as market conditions demand, since their goal is to prepare students for employment immediately upon graduation. The schools catalog states that it is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools and is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



## Back Mountain Jaycees welcome new members

Back Mountain Jaycee President John J. Jablowski, Jr. has announced that the local chapter is continuing its current growth trend.

Highlighting the current membership drive, the Back Mountain Jaycees recently offered membership to several community and leadership minded young persons. Among those accepting their membership invitation were: Ron Ercolani of Wilkes-Barre, President of Parrish and Brown Printing; David Grocholski of Nanticoke, an Insurance Representative for Bankers Life and Casualty; Mr. David Fiorini of Shavertown, an active member of the United States Army Reserve, and Mary Ellen Horvath of Inkerman, co-owner of Ad-Vance Advertising. Also welcomed into the chapter were Mr. James Harris of Kingston, coordinator of the Joan Harris Centre for the Gifted/Talented in Edwardsville; Ms. Kimberly Schoenwetter of Harveys Lake and Ms. Barbara J. McKown of Hanover Township, an Administrative Assistant for E.C. Wideman Company, who has transferred from the Upper Main Line Jaycees.

Shown in the picture being welcomed into the Back Mountain Jaycees by President John J. Jablowski, Jr. are from left, John J. Jablowski, Jr., President; James Harris, Ron Ercolani, Barbara J. McKown, David Grocholski, Mary Ellen Horvath and William McCabe.

## Dungeys will celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Dungey, 3405 Jasmine Ave., Miramar, Florida, will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on September 15. Mrs. Dungey is the former Anna Gdovin, daughter of the late Andrew and Hilda Gdovin of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Dungey is the son of the late George and Emma Dungey of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Dungey had been employed by Balester Optical Co. of Wilkes-

Barre and has recently retired from Monterey Precision Co., Plantation, Fla. Prior to moving to Florida, the Dungeys had resided for 17 years on James St., Shavertown and were active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

They are the parents of Nancy Chersin and Eileen Nunn, and have two grandsons, Christopher Nunn and Andrew Chersin.

**Long Stem Red Roses**

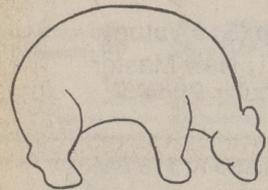


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Drafting/Computer Aided Drafting	T & Th	7 to 10 P.M.
Electrical Occupations — Basic	T & Th	7 to 10 P.M.
Electrical Occupations — Advanced	M & W	7 to 10 P.M.
Electronic Technology	T & Th	7 to 10 P.M.
Introduction to Data Processing	M & W	7 to 10 P.M.
Medical & Dental Assistant	T & Th	7 to 10 P.M.
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Welding	T & Th	7 to 10 P.M.

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### PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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— Frank Bielenda, Title IX and 504 coordinator: 822-4131