

COMMUNITY

Fair seeks exhibitors

The 1990 Luzerne County Fair scheduled for September 5 through 9, is still accepting indoor and outdoor exhibitors. Anyone interested in exhibiting at the fair can call the fair office at 675-FAIR for further information.

Wednesday, September 5, at 8 p.m. Vern Gosdin will perform for one show only, anyone wishing to obtain reserved seats for this show, please call the fair office at 675-FAIR or tickets can be picked up at the fair office or at Parrish & Brown Printing at 135 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre.

Yacht Club plans parade September 2

The Harveys Lake Yacht Club will hold its annual Sailboat-Motorboat Parade on Sunday evening September 2. (Rain date Sept. 3).

The event will include boats from the Club that will be decorated or lighted with flares and will mark the close of the regular sailing season. The parade will form at the Yacht Club just prior to dusk and will visit more areas of the lake. It is planned that the parade will be near the Sunset Area about 9 p.m. when the Harveys Lake Protective Association will sponsor a fireworks display.

A reception for participants will be held at the club house following the parade. Cottage and home owners are encouraged to decorate their boathouses in order to make this annual event more colorful.

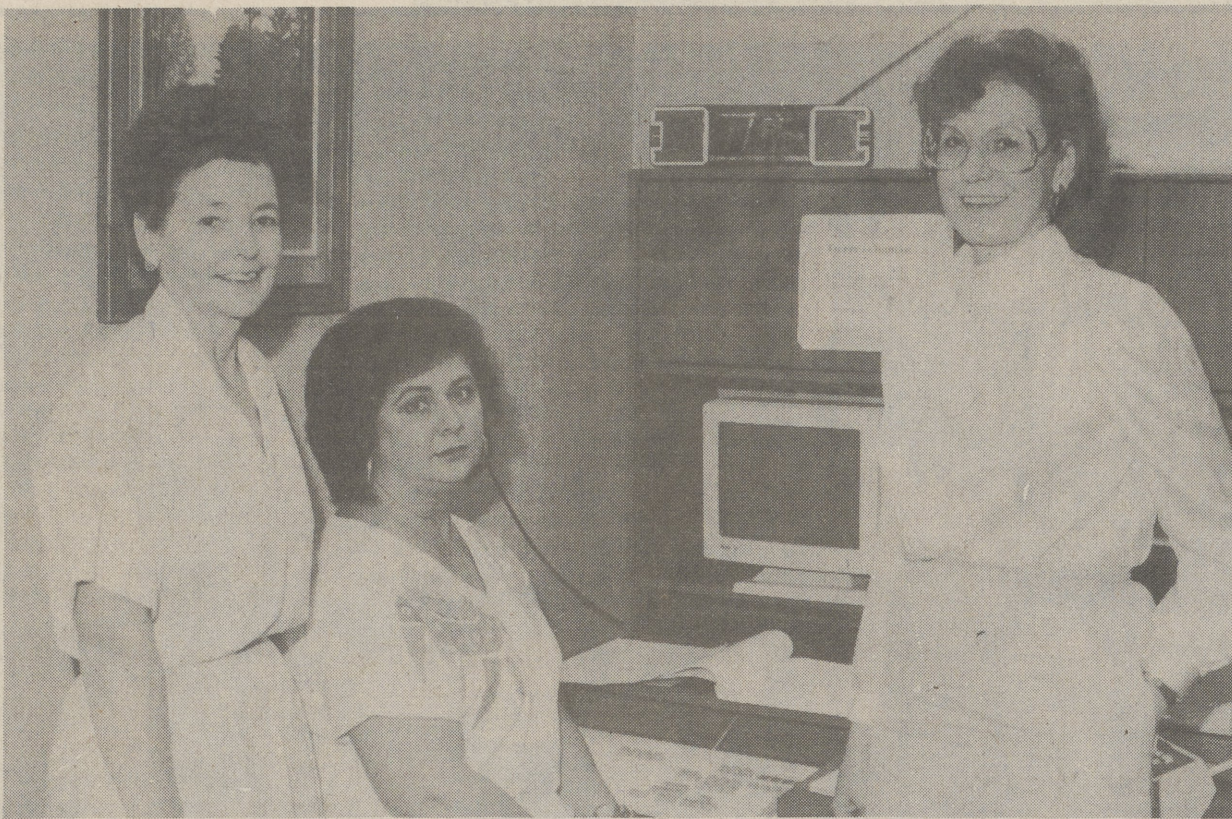
Capt. Frank Wadas is chairman of the Yacht Club event. He has been assisted by Commodore Byron Myers.

Sweet Valley Auxiliary lists fundraiser

Sweet Valley Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary would like to ask the community to save the 1st Choice labels as a fund raiser, to help the fire company. You can drop them off at the Fire Hall or give them to any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Montessori open house

The Wyoming Valley Montessori School, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, will host an open house Sunday, August 26 from 2-4 p.m. The fully accredited school serves children ages 2-12, toddlers to sixth grade, in the creative, individualized Montessori method of instruction. The public is invited.



HAPPY COMPUTER HACKERS - Employees in the Kingston Township offices are more than happy with the new computer network installed earlier this year. The three are shown above standing next to one of the terminals connected to the \$12,500 system. From left are: Janice Castellani, Sharon Versari, and Carole Loeberg. (Post photo/Rich Johnson)

Computers keep Kingston Twp. efficient

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When Kingston Township officials decided to install a \$12,500 computer system the township's office employees winced. Four months after the computer network was installed these same people have nothing but praise for the network that is saving them time and work.

"We have something good here," said Carole Loeberg, the township's administrative assistant. "The network has increased productivity up to 75 percent and we are using it in every aspect of township work."

Kingston Township is the only municipality in the Back Mountain to utilize such a set-up and Loeberg feels that it will help the township stay as well organized as it now is.

"We started with one computer two years ago but we ran into problems because more than one person had to use it," said Loeberg. She said that another computer

was obtained last year and that is when the township started looking into the network system.

The decision was made to lease the system and in April it was installed. At first she admits there were some bugs in the system, but once they were worked out things really started to roll.

"I use it with the bookkeeping and it takes some of the work that took me two weeks to do before and does it in one day," she said.

Township tax collector Janice Castellani is another who swears by the system. "It is just great," she said. "Carole (Loeberg) helped set up a program for me and now I have everything I need ready."

Castellani noted that it was time-consuming to get records put into the computer but now that it is done her work is easier. "When I first started with this everyone said I was crazy, but I knew it would pay off," she said. And pay off it has. Castellani said that the system helps her become more accurate and faster with the tax informa-

tion. She has also used the system to make many new records for the township. These include listings of residents by names, addresses or tax codes.

There may have been no one more scared of the system when it was installed than township clerk Sharon Versari. "I was just getting comfortable with the typewriter and they threw this at me," she said. "But I'm doing pretty good now as I become more familiar with it."

Versari said that she is doing the majority of her work on the computers and said that other officials in the township building are hoping to get involved with the network. She added that things are also going faster with her and she is now able to do more.

Loeberg noted one problem with the whole system. "Even though we are doing work a lot faster and more accurately, we are on about the same keel with our work load because we are thinking of new applications for the system all the time," she said.

Triathlon volunteers are needed

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is one of the "Great race choices in the world," according to the June issue of Triathlete Magazine. The magazine states that "Great community support, with 300 volunteers, makes the athletes to volunteer ration one to one." This is one of the reasons the Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is recognized as one of the greatest triathlons in the world.

"Our continued community support is needed to keep up the traditional volunteers support associated with the greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon," said Amy Dean, Director of Public Relations. "We receive many volunteers from the local police and fire departments

as well as the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office, but we still need numerous volunteers from within the community."

The triathlon is in need of volunteers to donate their time to do anything from handing out water and oranges to setting up bike racks, tents and displays at Harveys Lake and College Misericordia. Many volunteers will be needed early in the morning at College Misericordia for race setup and will have a great seat for all of the race action.

Life guards are needed for the morning of the race at Harveys Lake to ensure swimmer safety. Swim director Chip Morgan asks

that any Harveys Lake residents that would be willing to volunteer the use of their row boat or canoe for the morning of the race to please do so. The boats are needed for the life guards for water safety.

"Many other faces don't have the community support that ours has. The professional racers come back to Wilkes-Barre year after year because of the hospitality they receive at our race," said Dean. "Please volunteer your time to make this year's triathlon the great race that is truly is!"

People wishing to volunteer their services for the September 2nd triathlon may do so by calling the Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon hot line at (717) 822-2025.

Thresholds training set for September 8-9

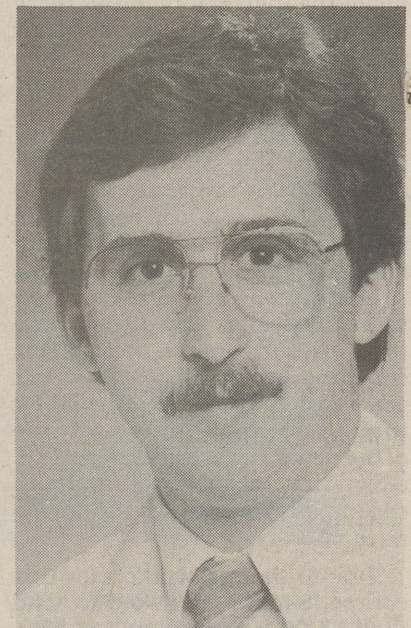
The training weekend for Thresholds will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Parish House of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church on Main St. in Dallas.

Thresholds teaches decision making and problem solving skills as a pre-release program to inmates at the State Correctional

Institution in Dallas. The course is taught on a one to one basis over a period of weeks.

Volunteers are very much needed to give as many men as possible a chance to complete the course and thereby help them take better control of their lives. For further information, please call Ingrid Prater at 823-9548 or leave a message at 675-1723.

Dr. Jay Tanner receives national award



DR. JAY B. TANNER

Dr. Jay B. Tanner of Dallas has received the American Optometric Association's 1990 Initial Optometric Recognition Award.

The award is given to doctors of optometry who have completed significant continuing education in their field over a three-year period. Fewer than 1,700 of the nation's 25,900 practicing optometrists have earned the Initial Optometric Recognition Award.

Dr. Tanner is on the staff at the Joseph Pugliese Eye Clinic, Kingston, and also serves as its Director of Community Relations and Education.

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