

# Luzerne County Fair to have contests for all

Luzerne County residents may want to keep an eye open for the Great Pumpkin.

If they can find it, they can win \$25 at the Luzerne County Fair's "Largest Pumpkin/Squash Contest." Second place in the contest will win \$20, and third place \$15.

To qualify, the monstrous melons, which must be grown in Luzerne County, must be brought to the fairgrounds by 11 a.m. September 4, with the weight permanently marked on the top. There is no entry fee.

Other contests are the scarecrow contest, the best apple pie contest, and the Hershey Cocoa cake contest. There is no entry fee for any of the contests.

Scarecrows must be set up on the fairgrounds between September 1 and September 4. The contest is open to clubs, groups and individuals. First prize is \$100, second \$50, and third \$25.

Apple pies must be brought to the fairgrounds between noon and

1 p.m. on September 7. They must be baked from scratch. First prize is \$50, second \$25, and third \$15.

The Hershey Cocoa cake contest must be a frosted layer cake made with Hershey's Cocoa. There is also a cookie and brownie contest for youths between the ages of 8 and 18. Entries for both contests must be brought to the fair between 8 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The Luzerne County Fair Queen Contest for girls ages 16 to 20, will be held Thursday, Sept. 5, from 6 to 7 p.m. The winner of the pageant will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, and the first runner-up, a \$100 bond, provided by Pepsi Cola.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, a Fairy Princess Contest will be held for children ages 2 to 6. The children can dress up as their favorite fairy tale character and win a prize.

For more information on the contests, or any fair events, call 675-FAIR (3247).

# Embroiderers' Guild keeps ancient art alive

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Beverly Marchetti's smile was dazzling as she began to talk about her favorite diversion, embroidery and the Embroiderers' Guild of America.

"When we lived in White Plains, New York, I was a member of the Guild," said Marchetti, who now lives in Dallas. "And when we moved here there was no local chapter. I tried to find one somewhere in the area but there was none."

"Finally I met Donna Morgan and Gina Thackara and the three of us formed a Steering Committee. I was the organizer, Donna knew the Valley and Gina had the ideas. We published the information about the meeting, then hoped someone would show up. Ninety people came to that first meeting. We were thrilled and that was the beginning of our local chapter—the Wyoming Valley Chapter."

The Guild is a national organization, founded in 1957, as an offshoot of the Royal Embroiderers' Guild of England. There are now 331 chapters in the United States. In the Middle Atlantic Region, which includes this area, there are 39 chapters. The local chapter was chartered in 1983 and now has 52 members.

"We hold exhibits annually," said Marchetti. "A year ago we had one at College Misericordia. Our national headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky holds bi-annual exhibits in major museums. Their next one will be in the Indiana Museum of Art."

"Our goal is to preserve the art of embroidery and we encourage our members to learn more about it. In Wyoming Valley it is a big art because there is so much ethnic embroidery, all of it beautiful and we try to make the people realize what they have," Marchetti explained.

"We also go into the schools to teach the art of embroidery when we are invited, but I don't believe all the schools know about us. The Back Mountain schools have never invited us. We would love to teach the children the art but we have to be invited," Marchetti said.

She said when members of the Guild go into the schools they try to select projects the children will enjoy.

"One class of sixth graders has had some of us come in since they were in kindergarten and this past year they created their own design. Some of the fifth graders we taught won prizes at the annual Woodlawn Exhibit, the largest embroidery show in the county," Marchetti said proudly.

Marchetti says it also is rewarding to help someone who does only cross stitch to advance to more detailed work.

The Guild helped the Historical Society of Wyoming Valley restore the background on some of its older pieces, then made up kits to sell for a fundraiser for the Society.

"We hold our meetings monthly with six of them education programs and in the others we bring in our work. Visiting teachers and correspondence courses are regular features of the chapter and we also receive the benefit of classes planned at the regional and national level," Marchetti explained. "We had seminars and field trips and classes where more experienced teachers teach novices. Recently, we learned Norwegian embroidery called 'Hardanger.' We also do cloisonne embroidery, a French art."

Marchetti has herself designed crests for College Misericordia and Bishop O'Reilly and is presently working on one for Wyoming Seminary. Her priority interest, however, is in church embroidery and she has done vestments for the College Chapel, the nursing home, St. John's and the Dorrance United Methodist churches. She also does commissions for churches in New York, working in either wool or silk.

"About 20 percent of our members are from the Back Mountain," Marchetti said. "We all work on embroidering baby gowns to be used by SHARE, an organization at the Nesbitt Hospital which is devoted



INTRICATE DESIGNS - Beverly Marchetti shows off one example of her embroidery work. Marchetti's chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America has 52 members, many of them from the Back Mountain. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)

# Water commission inactive except for emergencies

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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The Back Mountain Water Commission is still in action but is only meeting if an emergency requires it.

"At our last meeting sometime ago, we drew up a proposed ordinance to give to the municipalities who belong to the Commission for their approval to have Dallas Area Municipal Authority take over supervision of all developers so all developments would have the same size water lines and all the equipment the same," said chairman James Ward. "Any development who wanted to turn it (their system) over to the Commission could do so and the Commission would then run it at no profit," Ward explained.

"About that time the recycling program was being considered so nothing more has been done to date. It now appears we will have to wait until recycling is resolved," Ward said. "What we would like to have is one strong ordinance to make it easier if one water company is ever organized in the Back Mountain. The Dallas-Shavertown Water Company under its new company is willing to take over developments but since they must

operate at a profit, their charges would be higher."

Ward also said that recommendations the commission issued for this summer's drought were very similar to those the governor issued. Ward explained that the Back Mountain's only source of water is ground water from underground aquifers in areas called intrafractures.

"These are at different levels," said Ward. "A lot of wells this year are deeper. Many wells have had to be drilled deeper this year to keep a reserve of water and some home owners living next to one another have had to drill, at different depths. There is no guarantee water will be found at the same depth in the same area," Ward said. He also said that some Dallas wells have dropped and as well as some in Kingston Township.

"One of the largest intrafractures in the Back Mountain runs downhill from College Misericordia to Commonwealth Telephone Company toward Route 415 and Native Textiles, one large zone gathering water. If development continues it will drop the water table and will take it away and the wells will have to be drilled deeper, then the deepest well will have the advantage," Ward explained.

# JGI asks for rate boost to cover tax hikes

UGI Corporation's Luzerne Electric Division announced that it is filing today with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for recovery of approximately \$518,000 as a result of recently enacted increases in various state taxes.

If approved by the PUC, the filing will become effective on August 24, 1991. The average UGI resi-

dential heating customer using 18,836 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year will pay an additional \$1.54 per month as a result of the state tax increases. A non-heating customer's electric bill will increase 56¢ per month.

Mark R. Dingman, Vice President and General Manager of the Luzerne Electric Division notes, "The increase in the state tax sur-

charge is attributable to specific tax increases recently enacted and levied on public utilities by the state. These taxes are recoverable directly from utility customers in accordance with Pennsylvania regulations."

UGI's Luzerne Electric Division serves over 58,000 customers in portions of Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

# PSU Summer Festival set for Aug. 25

Beth Ward, President at Arts at Hayfield, along with Joan Diana, chairperson of the Summer Festival have announced the schedule for the Seventh Annual Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival, August 25 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman.

"We have over 50 booths of juried crafts, featuring everything from weaving, pottery, stoneware and jewelry," says Mrs. Ward, "plus a full line-up of entertainment, children's activities and refreshments."

The schedule is as follows: 11 a.m. Craft and art show opens; 1 p.m. Stingray's Blues Band; 2:15 p.m. Performance by the Emerald Isle Step Dancers, under the direction of Mary Holmgren; 3 p.m., "Sojourner Truth" presented by the Germantown Theatre Guild of

Philadelphia. Cecily Patterson portrays the famous abolitionist and women's rights advocate; 3:15 p.m. Magic tricks by entertainer Pat Ward; 4 p.m., "Just Us" folk/rock band.

In addition to the Summer Festival line-up, the public is invited to stay for an "Evening with the Stars," beginning at 8 p.m. at the Center for Technology on campus. The

audience will learn of the many stars, planets, galaxies and nebula which can be viewed from our

back yards; then, they'll gaze through the telescope in the Friedman Astronomy Dome, the only one of its kind in Luzerne County.

For more information on the Summer Festival VII or "An Evening with the Stars," call 675-2171.

# Kanjorski to hold meeting

U.S. Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski will hold a town meeting, Thursday, Aug. 22, 7-9 p.m. in the Edwardsville Borough Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 470 Main Street, Edwardsville.

People not able to attend can call the Congressman's office toll-

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