

## Brush fires

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**Rollie Evans**  
Jackson Twp. Fire Chief

added that his men were called to two brush fires in the past week. The first, near Country Club Apartments on Route 309, may have been started by a motorist tossing a lighted cigarette into the weeds.

The second, on Sunday, April 5, started at a baseball field at the top of Roushey Plot. "We were very lucky to be able to get our hoses in there quickly," Besecker said.

Besecker explained that although the ground is very wet from the recent rains, the wind has made surface grass, leaves and brush tinder-dry.

The fire chiefs agreed that common sense is the best way to prevent small springtime debris fires from growing into large brush fires. Evans urged homeowners to avoid all open burning near wooded areas, where sparks can ignite dry leaves, and to avoid any type of open burning if at all possible.

"Many people think that they can handle a fire with garden hoses, only to end up with a major problem," he said. "If you're in doubt about any fire, don't hesitate or be embarrassed to dial 911 for help. We'd rather respond to a small fire than have to battle a major one."

## NASA

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"Space food" was also a popular topic; Ernst said that astronauts' meals taste much better than Army MRE's. "The prepackaged dehydrated meals sold at camping and sporting goods stores are just like the meals that the astronauts eat," he said.

Sixth-grader Mike Casey looked like a real astronaut as he tried on a NASA space suit, complete with attached gloves, bulky arms and legs and an airlock for the space helmet.

During the afternoon Ernst visited individual classrooms to meet the students and to answer more questions.

Classes continued the space exploration theme throughout the day, with some classes sporting paper space helmets which they had made. The older students had studied space science and read about astronomy in preparation for Ernst's visit.

First graders received books chosen around the theme of space in a RIF (Reading is FUNdamental) book distribution Thursday after their assembly.

First grade teacher Mrs. Lolly Larkin coordinated the assembly and activities, which will continue through the end of April, when rocks brought back from the moon by American astronauts will visit Lake-Noxen School.

Ronald Ernst is one of 50 teachers employed by NASA's Aerospace Education Services Program to present assemblies of this type to schools and teachers, free of charge. His home base is Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, one of nine NASA facilities in the United States.



**AT THE HIBACHI TABLE** - Ruben Chan sits in the dining room of Tokyo Japanese Cuisine on Route 309 in Dallas. Chan will operate the restaurant where the Kentucky Fried Chicken was formerly located.

## Japanese cuisine coming to Dallas

By ERIC FOSTER  
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Do you crave the taste of Japanese cooking, but don't know where to find it locally?

Or perhaps you'd like some fresh uncooked seafood — sushi — but don't want to drive far to get some.

For those who already love Japanese food, or those who would like to try it, Tokyo Japanese Cuisine will be opening in May on Route 309 in Dallas.

Over the past several months, Ruben Chan, who has operated the Beijing Chinese Restaurant in Kingston for the past nine years, has converted the former Kentucky Fried Chicken into a more exotic restaurant. Before operating the Beijing, Chan helped a friend run a restaurant in Arizona for four

years.

"In this area there is no Japanese Restaurant, you have to go to Scranton," said Chan, a native of Hong Kong. "I'll open here and people who love Japanese won't have to go so far."

Chan expects the restaurant, with seating for 57 people, to open for business seven days a week in May.

The interior of the restaurant has been entirely refinished, with black and white furnishings to evoke the simple elegance of Japanese design. The windows, glazed with white to simulate the paper

walls of traditional Japanese buildings, let diffused light into the dining room, but eliminate the distractions of the world outside.

Tokyo Japanese Cuisine will feature hibachi cooking and a sushi bar featuring fresh seafood.

At the hibachi tables, lobster, scallops, fish, steak and chicken are brought out fresh, and grilled before the diner's eyes while the cook displays fancy knifework. Along with the meal, diners will have soup and shrimp and a Japanese style salad bar for appetizers.

In contrast to Chinese cooking, Japanese cooking often features lighter sauces, not as hot, but spiced with ginger and sesame instead.

"People think that Japanese and Chinese cooking is the same. Actually, it's different," said Chan.

"You've got to be experienced. It's a little show," says Chan of Japanese cooking.

## Tax windfall

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seems to agree.

"I don't think it should be 10%. This isn't Moosic," Wilson said.

"We would never do what Moosic did. We want everybody to make their money," said Kelly.

Greco will be constructing the amphitheater in partnership with DiCesare-Engler Productions, a company which promotes concerts and manages several other amphitheaters.

The amphitheater, to be named the Bud Light Amphitheater because of underwriting from the Anheuser-Busch Company which manufactures Bud Light beer, is expected to be open by Memorial Day weekend.

"It looks like we'll have a well-rounded season with country, jazz, reggae and rock," said Rich Engler, of DiCesare-Engler. Engler said the amphitheater will definitely host performances by John Denver and Dolly Parton, though he didn't have dates yet.

With underwriting from Anheuser-Busch, Greco said that they hope to keep ticket prices under \$20 each.

Besides the construction of the

amphitheater, Greco said that a Chicken Coop restaurant will be added to the first floor of the dance hall. An outdoor patio bar will overlook sand volleyball courts.

The total cost of the amphitheater and other renovations will be over \$100,000, said Greco, who has a ten-year lease agreement with Shirley Hanson.

"Shirley Hanson has had this facility for years. For years they hosted crowds in excess of 4,000," said Greco in answer to concerns about traffic the amphitheater will bring to the area. "This was a mecca of entertainment."

The last season for the amusement park was in 1984.

## New Unitarian congregation sets services

What's Pietism and why is it important?

That will be the theme of a worship service Sunday, April 12, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Wyoming Valley, a new congregation meeting in the Montessori School, Market St., Kingston.

Traffic will be able to enter and exit the facility from two or three locations, Greco said.

Greco said that the amphitheater stage has been designed so that the sound will shoot towards the woods where some of it will be absorbed, rather than having the sound reflect off of the lake. The natural slope of the land will be used to create the tiered seating.

Shows should be finished by about 10 p.m., said Greco.

Along with concerts, Greco is planning several ethnic festivals, and has offered the use of the amphitheater to the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic

## Karate

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"I am more self-confident and not afraid to try activities and subjects in school which I normally wouldn't have done," she explained.

"Martial arts also teaches discipline—a definite asset in schoolwork. And I have learned more respect for myself and others."

Each training session begins with the students entering the room, removing their shoes and showing respect for their country, their teacher and his heritage by bowing to the American and Korean flags and to Grand Master Ko. He returns their bows, demonstrating his respect for his students and their heritage.

"I definitely plan to earn my black belt," Tina said. "Most students don't qualify the first time that they try it. Master Ko will decide when I am ready to attempt it."

And more competitions, Senior division and possibly Nationals, are also part of Tina's future plans.

The straight-A student also is fluent in English and Polish, speaks Italian and is studying Spanish at school. "My mother's family comes from Europe; it's fun to be able to visit them and communicate in their native language," she laughed.

Tina plans to study medicine after high school, although she hasn't chosen a specialty yet. But she definitely knows that she wants to be a doctor.

But no matter what Tina's future holds, she can rely on her martial arts training and self-discipline to help her. "Master Ko always says to keep your hands up



**TOPS IN PA** - Tina Sidonio of Shavertown shows off the first place trophy which she won at the Pennsylvania State Junior Women's Free Fighting martial arts competition. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

and not to be afraid," Tina laughed. "I guess that advice covers just about any situation that I could run into."

## Meters

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be able to be read from the outside unlike the old meters which require someone to go inside to read them.

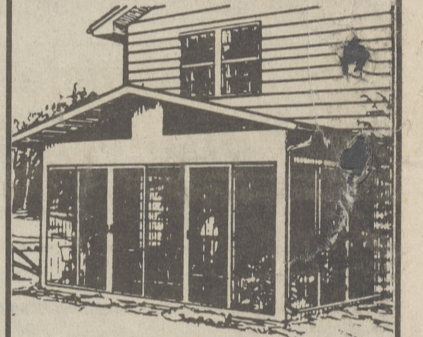
This is the second part of a two-part project to replace all of the meters in the system that are more than 20 years old, Walp said. Last year 700 old water meters were replaced.

There are other companies calling area residents asking them if they'd like to have their water tested, said Walp, and they probably want to sell a water filtering system. She said she's had about ten calls from people saying they've been contacted about having their water tested.

Walp said that the Dallas/Shavertown Water Company has not authorized any companies to test water.

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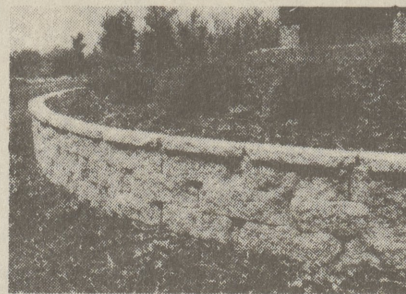
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