

Irem class will honor Schramm

Illustrious Sir Kenneth E. Burkel, Potentate of Irem Temple Shrine, announces that the Summer Class which is scheduled to be inducted on June 12 at Irem Temple Country Club has been named in honor of Paul Schramm, Hanover Township, who served as Potentate in 1985.

Schramm became a member of Irem Temple in 1972 and is affiliated with the Motor Corps Unit. He is being honored for his dedication over the past 20 years to the Shrine Hospitals. In 1983 Schramm served as General Chairman for Irem Temple's successful Shrine Hospital Crusade.



Annual auction

The 38th Idetown United Methodist Church Couple's Club auction and sale will be held Saturday, June 12 at the Luzerne County fairgrounds off Route 118. Auction action begins at 11 a.m. and ends when the last item is sold. Among the items will be new and used goods of all kinds, including furniture, Tiffany style lamps, a flag flown over the U.S. Capital October 12, 1992 (the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage to the new world), flowers, plants and much more. There will also be baked goods and odds 'n' ends tables, and food will be served all day by the women of the church. The auction will be held under cover and will proceed rain or shine. Bring your own chairs. Proceeds are used to improve church property. Tom Morris is pastor of the church. Shown above with some of the items to be auctioned, are

Fireworks can injure

The danger of fireworks continues to plague our holiday festivities. The Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind reminds everyone that fireworks can cause serious injury, including blindness and sometimes death, when used illegally.

According to a seven-year study by the United States Eye Injury Registry (USEIR), bottle rockets are the cause of fireworks-related eye injuries 83 percent of the time. "A bottle rocket looks innocent, but it's really a miniature unguided missile with an explosive tip," said ophthalmologist V. Al Pakalnis, M.D., president of USEIR.

Bottle rocket injuries are frequently serious. All of the enucleations (eye removals) in the USEIR study were the result of bottle rocket injuries. Nine out of 10 victims of bottle rocket injuries are bystanders, the study found; more than half are under the age of 16.

For a safe and happy holiday, attend one of the many supervised public fireworks displays available this year. Remember, when you play with fireworks, a moment's pleasure could easily turn into years of tragedy.

A private, nonprofit, charitable organization, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind was founded 75 years ago on two basic precepts: the support and promotion of the interests of the blind and the prevention of blindness.

Area resident to compete in 1993 PA State Pageant

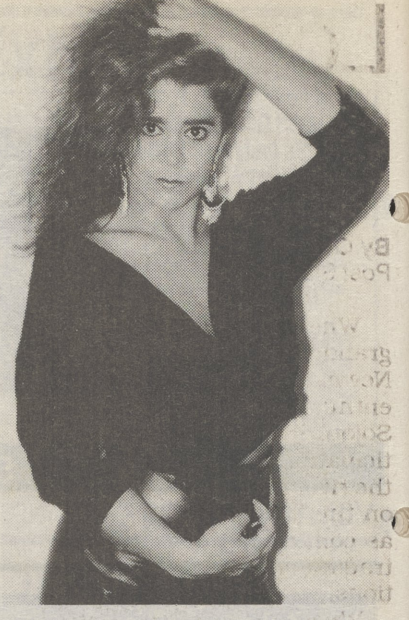
Ms. Sally Ann Valenza of Harveys Lake has been selected as an official entrant in the 1993 Pennsylvania State Pageant which will be held Sunday, June 13 at the Ramada Inn Hotel, Clarks Summit. The Pennsylvania Pageant is the official preliminary to the title of Miss Teen of the Nation and Ms. American Woman Pageant which will be televised this August in Washington, D.C.

The pageant will select Pennsylvania's representative to compete at the National Pageant and vye for the national title and prize

package including \$5,000 in cash. Ms. Valenza is a graduate of Barbizon Modeling School and was chosen from the Manhattan Model Search in New York. She has also been training with Tess Hollitt at the Gym in Dallas.

The Pennsylvania Pageant for Miss Teen of the Nation and Ms. American Woman is under the direction of Deborah L. Norton and Norton Production Company.

For more information about the Pennsylvania Pageant call Norton Productions (717) 457-8158 or write to: PO Box 3206, Scranton,



SALLY ANN VALENZA



Back Mountain fire chiefs

The following fire chiefs represented their respective fire companies at the April 24 annual dinner of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association: first row from left: Harold Coolbaugh, Lehman; assistant chief Dick Heuer, Harveys Lake; Jack Dodson, Kunkle; Bob Besecker, Dallas; Ron Witkowski, Franklin Township; second row: Willis Hapeman, Mount Zion; Joseph Blaine, J.R. Davis; David Davis, Harveys Lake; Sev Newberry, Lake Silkworth and Brian Wall, Northmoreland.

Therapy Center also opening

Within three months, the Back Mountain will have a new physical therapy facility conveniently located in the Dallas Shopping Center.

According to Ron Stern, president and CEO of Wyoming Valley Health Care Systems, Inc., the site will house physical and occupational therapy, work hardening and some fitness facilities, located for the convenience of the corporation's many Back Mountain patients.

Stern expects the site to open by September 1. Wyoming Valley Health Care System was formed in 1992 with the merger of Nesbitt and Wilkes-Barre General Hospitals.

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