

White ducks, black water at Newberry Estate. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek

Valentine earns gem certificate

Elva Valentine of Dallas, has completed a course in Diamonds with the Santa Monica, California-based Gemological Institute of America, and has been awarded the Institute's prestigious Diamonds certificate.

Established in 1931, the nonprofit Institute is an educational and research organization serving the jewelry industry, with campuses and laboratories in New York and California.

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The exterior, and two interior views of the historic Baldwin - Rogers home.



Letters

L.C. Fair president thanks community for its support

On behalf of The Luzerne County Fair Board and Association I would like to thank all the people who participated in this vear's Fall Fair at The Luzerne County Fairgrounds. First I would like to thank the many volunteers for the superb job they have done. We could not have done it without them from beginning to end. I would also like to thank the people who attended this year's Fair. Without them we would not be here year after year. Also to the vendors, a big thanks for providing all the services you provided to all the great people who attended the fair. To the entertainment: you were outstanding this year. We wish the best of luck in your endeavors throughout the

year. To the service clubs, we hope everyone faired well, as you are our backbone in our organization. To the media, a very special thank you for your tremendous support. The fair board truly appreciates all your efforts on our

I would also like to remind people that numerous events go on at the grounds throughout the good weather and that we provide rental space to store your sum-mer equipment in our buildings during the winter months. I wish all of you a good year and hope to see you next year at The Luzerne County Fair from September 7

> Ed Kelly, President Luzerne County Fair Board

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