

# 'Taste of the Valley' seeking volunteers

The general planning committee of "A Taste of the Valley," which benefits area mentally and physically challenged persons, is seeking community volunteers to help promote this year's 10th annual food exposition, October 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Genetti Convention Center in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Community chairpersons and committee aides are needed to establish key distribution points within each community, and to coordinate local ticket sales and accounting functions.

Neither prior involvement with "A Taste of the Valley" nor fundraising experience is necessary,

just a willingness to assist in making this annual charitable event a rousing success. And only a minimal amount of time will be required of each volunteer.

Any volunteers interested in serving as a community coordinator, ticket chairperson or committee aide are asked to contact Sid Silver at 639-5443 or Art Eddy at 824-7062 for more detailed information on this year's upcoming event and various committee positions.

"A Taste of the Valley" is a major fundraiser for the ARC of Luzerne County, which benefits area citizenry with mental retardation and their families.



## Wins bank's grand opening prize

Sandy Whitesell of Sweet Valley recently won the grand prize of 2,000 quarters at Franklin First Savings Bank's new Dallas office at the intersection of Route 309 and Upper Demunds Road. It was presented by assistant vice-president and branch manager Frank Ferencchik. Ms. Whitesell opened a treasure chest with a randomly chosen key and picked the Grand Prize Certificate from numerous envelopes inside.

## Newells host family picnic

On August 12 a family picnic was held at the home of Sandy Newell, Jackson Twp. Games were planned by Sandy Newell and Nancy Schimmel and Mary Ann Brown. Paul Elston was chef at the grill.

Those who attended were: Ruby Elston and Harold Elston, Huntsville; Ruth Wyrsh, Binghamton, NY; Shirley Stout and Mark Stout, Delaware; Rev. Dr. Allan J. Cease and Christine Cease, Williamsport; Nettie Miers,

Lehman; Terry D. Newell, Jackson Twp.; Michael Sutrynowicz, Glenside; Kathleen Hinnegan, Center Square; Helen Franklin, Jackson Twp.; Samuel and Mary Ann Brown, Shavertown; Jo-Linda, Bethany, Katze, and Samuel Brown Jr., Shavertown; Rev. Thom Morris, Lehman; Geore and Mary Schimmel, Eric Schimmel, Audrey Smith, Heather Schimmel and Rodney Campbell, State College; Michael Elston, Allentown; Paul and Judy Elston, Hunlock Creek.

## SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizen's Centers sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following is the menu for the week of September 4. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

**MONDAY** - Centers closed in observance of Labor Day.

**TUESDAY** - Baked haddock, risi bisi, stewed tomatoes, chilled pineapple w/coconut, whole wheat bread.

**WEDNESDAY** - Stuffed tomato w/chicken salad, gelatin, asst. fresh vegetables, asst. crackers, yogurt w/ fruit.

**THURSDAY** - Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, peas-carrots, grapefruit juice, vanilla pudding, rye bread.

**FRIDAY** - Vegetable lasagna w/tomato sauce, spinach w/ lemon, hot fruit compote, orange juice, cottage cheese salad, Italian bread, lemon.

For further information, contact the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging Nutrition Program or call the Senior Citizen's Center nearest your home.

## Journalist will address the Women's Joy Fellowship

An award-winning journalist who has just returned from graduate study in Biblical geography in the Holy Land will be the kick-off speaker for the new women's Joy Fellowship at its first outside meeting Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Newberry Estate's Appletree Manor.

A former newspaper reporter/photographer, bureau chief, and occasional stringer for the United Press International, Speaker Maureen Rufe has combined her

journalism experience with two masters' degrees in theology and divinity, in both Protestant and Catholic settings in the Wyoming Valley for the past 20 years.

The women's meeting, which is part of the ministries of the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly of God in Trucksville, will begin with a 6:30 p.m. dinner. Reservations are \$10 and can be made by calling Juanita Sarnak at 655-9405, Anna Caruza at 675-0036 or Deb Miller at 4397.

## Sr. Jean Messaros named Misericordia students' dean

Sr. Jean Messaros, RSM, has been named dean of students at College Misericordia. She had been serving as interim dean since July 1994, and before that had been assistant to the dean of students.

Messaros has a master's degree in counseling from Shippensburg University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from College Misericordia.

She had previously spent three years as assistant to the dean of students and two years working in Campus Ministry before leaving Misericordia to serve on the Regional Leadership Team of the Sisters of Mercy, where she spent 11 years.

Messaros returned to the College in 1990 to work with the Misericordia students again. She hopes that as dean she will be able to continue close contact with the students.



SR. JEAN MESSAROS, RSM

## Florence Konopke honored at Meadows

Florence Konopke, Dallas, has been chosen Employee of the Month for August by her co-workers at Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. (EEI).

She has been employed by EEI for seven years as manager of the Hi-Meadows and Ken Pollock Apartments. She is also secretary to the executive director of EEI.

Konopke graduated from Central Catholic High School, Luzerne County Community College, and successfully completed the National Center for Housing Man-

agement course of study and examination on federal occupancy policies and procedures for Certified Occupancy Specialists. She is also a licensed real estate salesperson.

Konopke is a member of the Wyoming Valley Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, and is immediate past President.

She received complimentary dinner and theater tickets for two from Raymond Condo, Executive Director of EEI, and will also receive a paid day off from work.

Subscriptions for students - Call 675-5211

## Daughter born to Kubastis

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kubasti, Seattle, Washington, announce the birth of a daughter, Miranda on August 21, 1995. They also have a son, Nicholas, 21 months

old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kubasti of Sweet Valley and Dr. and Mrs. James Mancuso, Delmar, New York.

## BACK MOUNTAIN BRIEFS

### College Choral Society accepts new members

The College Misericordia Choral Society is accepting new members for the 1995-96 season. All members of the community are welcome to join without audition.

Repertoire for the Christmas program will include "A Ceremony of Carols," by Benjamin Britten and "Navidad Nuestra" (Our Nativity), by Ariel Ramirez. The Christmas concert will be held on December 7.

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m. in Kennedy Lounge, Merrick Hall. The first rehearsal will be August 29.

For more information call Dr. John Curtis at 674-6739.

### Horseshoe tourney at county fair

World champion horseshoe pitcher Alvin "Peanuts" Long will chair the horseshoe pitching contest September 9 and 10 at The Luzerne County Fair.

The contest will be held throughout the day. There will be a charge of \$3.00 to enter.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners and announcement of the winners will be placed in the papers following the fair.

There is no age restriction. All are welcome to enter.

### VNA to hold annual meeting Sept. 12

The Visiting Nurse Association will host its 87th Annual Meeting September 12, at noon at the Ramada Hotel. Cost is \$7.25 per person. The special guest of honor will be Thomas P. Saxton, recipient of the 1995 VNA Distinguished Service Award, and guest speaker, Kevin Elko, D.Ed. The public is invited to attend; however, reservations are necessary.

Please call the VNA by September 5, at 283-0681 or 1-800-432-9791.

### Firefighters recycle cans for new truck

Residents and business owners of the Back Mountain and surrounding communities are asked to donate aluminum cans to the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. to help purchase of a new state-of-the-art pumper/aerial ladder truck.

Drop off cans at the firehall at 170 Main Street, Shavertown at the designated area. Members can arrange for pickup if necessary. Call 675-1302 for more information.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY** - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Out of Bounds" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

**DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet L. Santos. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services; WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. mid-week Chapel Service. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Rev. Harold R. Baer, Jr., Pastor. Worship Services 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month and festivals. Everyone Welcome! Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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