

## Deadline for tax rebate applications extended

The deadline to file 1997 property tax/rent rebate applications has been extended from June 30 to Dec. 31, 1998.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible people 65 years or older; widows and widowers 50 years or older; and individuals with disabilities 18 years or older. The household eligibility income limit is \$15,000 and the maximum rebate is \$500.

The program is funded by proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery. Each year the program helps

more than 300,000 households, totaling more than \$85 million in rebates.

Applicants who have filed early will be receiving their rebate checks in July.

Successful applicants who file after June 30, should receive their rebate checks about 60 days after filing.

Applications are available at the offices of State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond, Jr., and State Representatives George Hasay and Phyllis Mundy.

## Sr. Sponsa to speak at King's College & St. Therese's

Sr. Sponsa Beltran, a Bernardine missionary and native of Wilkes-Barre will be speaking at King's College Chapel on Fri., July 10 at 7:30 p.m. Sister has been working for 30 years in Africa and for the past 10 years with hundreds of severely handicapped children and young adults.

During the last nine years, Sister's and the children's lives have been threatened seriously with death and four years ago escaped to the Ivory Coast where they sought refuge in a retreat house and chicken coops. Through sea canisters, a small group of Americans has kept this mission going supplying food, clothes, wheelchairs, crutches and essentials.

The UN has requested that the abandoned and orphaned refugee children be returned to Liberia. Sister has no where to bring them except for a small parcel of land

which was just purchased.

Dormitories, cess pools, water towers and furnishings must be built. Electricity must be brought in with a water purification system to keep the children well.

To compound the situation, 300 more young men (ages 10-28) are awaiting Sister's arrival in Monrovia.

Each of these are amputees through acts of war and each needs prosthetic limbs and a place to live.

Any contribution is acceptable and should be made out to Sr. Sponsa Beltran, OSF. These may be sent to Mrs. Angela Cebulski (Sr. Sponsa's biological sister), 760 Mt. Zion Road, Conyers, GA 30012 or St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown, PA 18708.

A web site has been donated for the rehab center: <http://www.epix.net/~krock/olofrehab.htm>



### Doctors donate to defray cost

Dallas Family Practice recently awarded Trucksville resident Christopher Tucker a monetary donation to help defray his costs for attending the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and the Constitution in Washington, D.C. Tucker, a member of Dallas Area High School's Class of 1999, earned the right to attend the forum based on outstanding academic achievement. During the event, students will visit several prestigious law schools and law firms in the Washington, D.C. area in addition to visiting the U.S. Capitol. Shown from left, Dr. Irvin Jacobs, M.D., Dallas Family Practice and Chris Tucker.

### Nicole Naugle chosen as resident assistant

Juniata College's Office of Residential Life has chosen 30 students to serve as resident assistants for the 1998/99 academic year. Resident assistants not only explain and enforce Juniata rules and regulations, but they also provide personal help and assistance to residents, manage and facilitate floor meetings and activities, direct students to appropriate campus services and resources and initiate programs that promote the personal growth and development of students.

Among those chosen was Nicole Naugle of Shavertown. She is a senior majoring in elementary education. A 1995 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Naugle.

## Mary Hoppes Montross celebrated 80th birthday

Mary Hoppes Montross, who resides at the Meadows Apartments in Dallas was given a very belated surprise 80th birthday party on June 21, at the home of Tim and Sherry (Clark) Huber in Smithsburg. Mary is the daughter of the late Elias and Bertha Kocher Hoppes. She was born Feb. 25, 1918.

She was married to the late Clarence Montross and had one son, Harry Montross.

It was a very belated birthday due to the distance and the possibility of inclement weather in February.

The party was given by Mary's nieces and nephews.

Attending this festive occasion were William and Arlene Clark of Smicksburg; William Clark Jr. of Punxsutawney; Patrick and Sandie Clark, Chad, P.J., Kristen Clark of Pittsburgh; Tim and Sherry (Clark) Huber, Timothy and Ethan Huber of Smicksburg; Carlyn Geyer of Pittsburgh; Melissa Lockhart of Dayton, PA and Dan and Peggy Smith of Pittsburgh.

Unable to attend but sent cards and gifts were Harry and Ann Montross, Debbie, Michelle and Jennifer Clark, Mathew Huber, Bill and Peggy Huber, Rev. Robert and Sharon Strading.

Mary received many nice cards and gifts.



MARY HOPPES MONTROSS

### James Martin made pres. of Welsh Soc.

James A. Martin, III, Esquire, has been elected president of the North Texas Welsh Society. Jim is the Immediate Past President of the North American Welsh Foundation. He is the son of former Back Mountain Superintendent of Schools James A. Martin of Shavertown. Jim lives with his wife, Marilyn in Dallas, TX. They are the parents of two children, Lynne E. Beard and Charlotte a. Gomez, and have two grandchildren; Andrea G. and Marshall J. Beard. His sister, Charlotte D. Martin lives in Shavertown.

### Sem students excel in national test

Wyoming Seminary's eighth grade performed exceptionally well in a national Spanish exam.

Eighth grade winners include Nooshin Hosseini of Dallas, second place and Jessica Sheehan of Harveys Lake, third place.



### Marilyn Olenick receives award

Marilyn Devlin Olenick, Shavertown, received the Grace Andrews Award at the recent College Misericordia Senior Awards Dinner, held prior to Commencement. The award is presented annually to the outstanding nontraditional student demonstrating enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Olenick graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in English/secondary education. She was named to Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in. Seen following the award presentation are, from left: Dr. Mazen Shahin, professor of math and computer science who recommended Olenick for the award; Jennifer Deters, daughter of Grace Andrews; Susan Andrews, senior physical therapy major, granddaughter of Grace Andrews; Marilyn Olenick; Dr. Richard Lynch, professor of English, Olenick's advisor; Debbie Fries, Misericordia coordinator of evening and weekend programs; and Tom O'Neill, director of the Misericordia division of adult education and community service.

**Library news**



**Nancy Kozemchak**

This is it! The busiest four days at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The 52nd annual auction begins on Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m. and finishes up on Sunday July 12 when all items are sold. The committee of the various sections of the auction have been completing their last minute preparations and signing up volunteers to help at the various booths.

The Ham 'n Yegg contributions have reached \$3,035, the auction bells selling for \$1 each to hang in the library have totaled 179, the special baskets for the basket auction are arriving each day, and Wayne Schmol, food booth chair, has announced there will be some hams to auction off, as per the original Ham 'n Yegg theme.

A special beanie baby, Princess Di has been donated by Sports Plus of Dallas to the Antique and Collectible department, announced by Karen Boback, chair. A new innovation of the 1998 library auction will be the charge

## Ham 'n Yegg over \$3,000

purchase plan.

All charges will be handled by either Visa or Master Card charge cards. It just may be that the 52nd auction will not see too much rain this year, in view of the rainy spring. However, I think there are only two years on record that the auction ran with no rain.

Bring your chairs, find your favorite spot and enjoy the four days of auction madness in the Back Mountain!

The 1998 state summer reading program is in full swing at the library. It is not too late to have your children join the fun.

"Click on Adventure" is the theme and it involves a "click" on certain windows with activities and subject to do which connect the child to the right book for the subject they want; such as magic, riddles, plays, holidays and fairy tales.

Special programs include a trip through Medieval times: Wed., July 15, Rand Whipple at Paxton Pavilion, Kingston. All are welcome. Tues., July 28, Knights and Ladies Day at the library - 30 children limit.

Register week of July 21. Fri., Aug. 14, 1:30-3:00, Medieval Party Day. Certificates—refreshments—prizes. Held at the library. Please RSVP for this program to the library.

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