

# New income guidelines for free and reduced price meals

The following Income Guidelines apply for the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program for 1998-99.

For those children unable to pay the full price of meals or milk. The sponsor has adopted the following family size and income criteria as established by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture for determining eligibility. Children from families whose income is at or less than the levels shown below are eligible for free meals or milk or reduced price meals.

To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, complete the application sent home by your school with a letter to parents, sign it, and return it to the school. Additional copies are available from the school.

**FOOD STAMP/TANF HOUSEHOLDS:** If you currently receive Food Stamps or "Temporary As-

Income Eligibility Guidelines						
Effective July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999						
FAMILY SIZE	ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEALS OR MILK			ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS		
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$10,465	\$873	\$202	\$14,893	\$1,242	\$287
2	\$14,105	\$1,176	\$272	\$20,073	\$1,673	\$387
3	\$17,745	\$1,479	\$342	\$25,253	\$2,105	\$486
4	\$21,385	\$1,783	\$412	\$30,433	\$2,537	\$586
5	\$25,025	\$2,086	\$482	\$35,613	\$2,968	\$685
6	\$28,665	\$2,389	\$552	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785
7	\$32,305	\$2,693	\$622	\$45,973	\$3,832	\$885
8	\$35,945	\$2,996	\$692	\$51,153	\$4,263	\$984
For Each Additional Family Member						
Add:	+\$3,640	+\$304	+\$70	+\$5,180	+\$432	+\$100

sistance for Needy Families" (TANF, formerly AFDC) Cash Assistance for your child, you have to list only your child's name and food stamp or TANF case number,

print your name, and sign the application. Since you have already given income information to the County Assistance Office, the school can confirm eligibility.

**ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS:** If your household income is at or below the level shown above, your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals.

## BMT Land Trust agreement protects 37 acres and creek

The Back Mountain Regional Land Trust has preserved another parcel of woodland and wildlife habitat. Located in Mehoopany in Wyoming County, this 37-acre property is owned by Mrs. Betty Davies.

In 1961, the Davies family built a log cabin here from the locust trees harvested from the mountainous portion of the land. Since then, they've enjoyed countless hours of pristine woods, clean air and the cool waters of the Mehoopany Creek. During this time, the land came to be known as that "Special Place."

Mrs. Davies and her family hoped to preserve this land forever. In their search to do so, they found the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust could assist them. The Land Trust became the party responsible for enforcing a conservation easement or conservation restriction that was created by the Davies' and the Trust.

This document becomes part of the property deed and is officially recorded at the respective courthouse. Current and subsequent owners of the land must abide by the restrictions noted in perpetuity.

One of Mrs. Davies' desires was to protect the riparian forest buffer for the adjoining Mehoopany

Creek. Riparian refers to the area of land adjacent to a body of water, stream, river, marsh, or shoreline that directly affects or is affected by the water. Riparian areas serve as a transition between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment. In essence, Mrs. Betty Davies and future owners are positively affecting the health of not only Mehoopany Creek, but also that of the Susquehanna River into which it flows.

Other projects in progress by the Land Trust include Ridgetop Preservation in Luzerne County, Bear Creek Planning Project, conservation easements on nearly 220 additional acres in Luzerne and Susquehanna Counties, and a series of seminars to begin in 1999 to train a pool of professional attorneys, appraisers and accountants in the technical work of land trusts.

The Back Mountain Regional Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) conservation organization located at 11 Carverton Road in Trucksville. The Land Trust serves Luzerne and Susquehanna Counties as well as Wyoming County. It is a publicly supported, membership-driven organization. If you would like more information about us, please call the office at 696-5545.



### Open house at Major Performing Arts

Major Performing Arts Center, Carverton Rd., Trucksville, will hold an open house Monday, Sept. 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. The center offers classes to children 2 years to adults in tap, jazz, ballet, point, vocal, piano and theater, as well as daytime preschool programs, the Mom & Me Club (18-36 mos.), Friendship Club (social playgroup), Kinderarts (for older preschoolers), and Tots Tumbling (USA Gymnastics certified). All classes at Major Performing Arts are kept small. The music department offers private and semi-private classes in piano and voice. Anyone who can't come to the open house may call the school at 696-4755.

Shown in the photo, the dance faculty and staff, from left, foreground beginning second from left; Amanda Meholochick, jr. instructor; Vicky Tasselmeyer, jr. instructor; Winter Rusoloski, sr. instructor; Lauren Costanza, teaching ass't.; Carrie Thimot, jr. instructor; Angela Martino, sr. instructor. Back row; Wendy Henry, sr. faculty; Debbie Zelinski, sr. faculty; Cindy Millington, sr. faculty; Kim Celusniak, teaching ass't.; Megan McAndrew, jr. instructor;

### Memorial service for National Guardsmen

The 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, will observe the 48th Anniversary Memorial Service honoring the 33 109th Field Artillery men who were killed in the tragic train wreck of Sept. 11, 1950 at Coshocton, OH. The ceremony will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of the 109th Artillery Armory, 280 Market St., Kingston.

### Mercy Center installs new officers

The installation of Mercy Center Auxiliary was held recently at a luncheon held at Appletree Terrace Newberry Estate.

The newly installed officers are Terry Kennedy, president; Antoinette Jenkins, vice president; Marian Burry, secretary; Jane Chase, corresponding secretary; Marie Bellas, treasurer; Dorothy Kolankiewicz, assistant treasurer; Margaret Krake, benevolent chair. Installing officer was Genevieve Cortsen.

The Auxiliary of Mercy Center was organized 30 years ago to benefit the residents of Mercy Center, Dallas.

### Volunteers sought to be senior peers

Community Counseling Services of N.E. PA is recruiting volunteers for the Senior Peer Counseling Program in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties. This program provides one-to-one supportive counseling to senior citizens who are confined to their homes or who don't feel comfortable in a traditional mental health setting. Volunteers should be 55 years of age or older, able to devote three hours a week, have good listening skills and enjoy relating to new people. Training is provided.

Anyone interested in becoming a Senior Peer Counselor Volunteer can obtain more information by calling Louise Clemmer, Program Coordinator at 823-2155 or 836-3118.

### Contra dance season begins Sept. 19

The Chicory House begins another season of New England Contra dances Saturday, Sept. 19, starting at 8 p.m. at St. Therese's Catholic Church, Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. The caller for the dance will be Bob Nicholson, and music will be provided by "Total Hip Replacement." Admission to the dance is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, \$15 for families. For information call 717-333-4007.

The Chicory house is an all-volunteer non-profit coffeehouse sponsoring folk music and dance in the Wyoming Valley.

### Night Golf Classic for Gate of Heaven

Gate of Heaven Church is sponsoring a Night Golf Classic, to be held Friday, Sept. 18 at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter. The field will be limited to 18 foursomes, and the cost is \$50 per golfer, which includes golf, open bar and a steak dinner. Golf includes glow balls, marakers, tees and necklaces. Dinner only tickets are \$25 per person.

Dinner will start at 6 p.m., with golf beginning at about 7:30. Children are welcome to play if accompanied by an adult. Hole sponsorships are also available at \$250, \$100 and \$50 each. Entry forms and sponsorship lists are available by calling the rectory at 675-2121, or send payment to: Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas PA 18612.

### Dancers entertain at Meadows

Residents at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas were recently entertained by students from the Back Mountain Dance Studio, Amber LaJunesse, Erica Swatko, Kelly Wallick Randa Shain and Amy Withers.

**BIRTHS**

**MERCY**  
Snyder, Robert and Jill, Shavertown, a son, Thursday, Aug. 27.

**NESBITT**  
Gilbertson, Kevin and Joan, Shavertown, a daughter, Saturday, Aug. 29.  
Hopper, Fred and Claudia, Harveys Lake, a son, Saturday, Aug. 29.  
Delamaster, John and Dawn, Shavertown, a daughter, Monday, Aug. 31.  
Goble, Helen and John Scintilla, Trucksville, a son, Monday, Aug. 31.  
Sims, Kimberly and Joseph Wynne, Harveys Lake, a daughter, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

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## Civil War group to meet Sept. 17

Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Daddow-Isaac American Legion on Rt. 415 in Dallas. Ronald Waddell will present a program on "Civil War Women in Gettysburg." Waddell is from Lebanon, PA. He is well known "Living History Interpreter" and public speaker. The meeting is open to the public.

The CWRT is a national organization that encourages interest, study and the preservation of historical events and monuments in memory of those who served and supported both the Confederate States and the Union. All are welcome to participate and become members. The Wyoming Valley CWRT Chapter meets the third Thursday of the month.

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