

Discussion on earth preservation to be held February 10 at Miseri

A discussion of ways to reduce ecological damage to the earth will be held on Wed., Feb. 10, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in College Misericordia's Kennedy Lounge, Merrick Hall.

The discussion, part of the Institute on Sacred Scripture's continuing program "Conversations With..." will feature Dr. Constance Kozel, RSM, a staff member of Genesis Farm, an ecological learning center in Blairtown, NJ.

This conversation is titled "Living in Harmony With the Earth." Dr. Kozel serves as manager of the farm's bookstore, library assistant, coordinator of seed saver programs, and in other positions. She has an educational back-

ground in philosophy, spiritual counseling, conflict resolution and earth literacy. She also is experienced in educating, workshop facilitating, retreat direction and peace/justice work.

The program includes dinner. Cost of the program and dinner is \$18, and payment must accompany registration. For information and registration, call the Misericordia Office of Adult Education and Community Service at 674-6161.

"Conversations With..." is a series of ecumenical lectures sponsored by the Institute on Sacred Scripture at College Misericordia.



Troop 656 visits Big Apple Bagels

Recently, the Back Mountain Brownie Troop #656 were graciously hosted by the staff of Big Apple Bagels in Dallas. Most impressively, the staff dedicated two hours of their time to bake bagels, pizzas, muffin and cookies with the Brownie troop and was described by the participants as "one of the best tours they had experienced". Many thanks to Big Apple Bagels and their support of our youth and the future of our community.

Pictured from left, 1st row, Lauren Parrish, Rebecca Yannuzzi, Erica Morgan, Sarah Szczucki; 2nd row, Kerri Soltys, Jim Sanderson, owner; Anne Long, Stacey Stepniak, Nicole Clemson and Ashly Stivers.

New books at BMT Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection:

- FICTION**
 "Pink Slip" by Rita Ciresi
 "The Elusive Flame" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss
 "So Worthy My Love" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss
 "The Wolf and the Dove" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss
 "Shanna" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss
 "The Flame and the Flower" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss
 "Link" by Walt Becker
 "Night Whispers" by Judith McNaught
 "Orchid Beach" by Stuart Woods
 "The Big Bad City" by Ed McBain
 "Seize the Night" by Dean Koontz
 "Little Altars Everywhere" by Rebecca Wells
 "Southern Cross" by Patricia Cornwell
 "Mara and Dann" by Doris Lessing
 "The Jewels of Tessa Kent" by Judith Krantz
 "The Intuitionist" by Colson Whitehead
 "Breakfast on Pluto" by Patrick McCabe
 "Inner Harbor" by Nora Roberts
 "The Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara
 "The Music Lesson" by Katharine Weber
NON-FICTION
 "Ernest Hemingway"
 "The Norton Book of Classical Literature"
 "Webster's 21st Century Spanish/English Dictionary"
 "Hot Chocolate for the Mystical Soul" by Arielle Ford
 "When Mothers Work" by Joan K.

- Peters**
 "Raising Lifelong Learners" by Lucy Calkins
 "Charles Kuralt's American Moments" by Charles Kuralt
 "The Life of Birds" by David Attenborough
 "Gotham" by Edwin G. Burrows
 "Food and You" by Sari Harrar
 "Prevention's "Food and Nutrition"
 "Journey to Beloved" by Oprah Winfrey
REFERENCE
 Publisher's Trade List Annual - 1998
BIOGRAPHY
 "Mary Kay You Can Have it All" by Mary Kay Ash
 "Inventing Wyatt Earp" by Allen Barra
LARGE PRINT
 "Three Wishes" by Barbara Delinsky
 "These High, Green Hills" by Jan Karon
MYSTERY
 "The Apostrophe Thief" by Barbara Paul
 "Cross My Heart and Hope to Die" by Sheila Radley
 "Dead Wrong" by William X. Kienzle
 "The Dead of Winter" by Paula Gosling
 "Old Scores" by Aaron Elkins
 "Dying for Chocolate" by Diane Mott Davidson
 "The Wench is Dead" by Colin Dexter
 "False Prophet" by Faye Kellerman
 "Cutting Edge" by John Harvey
 "The English School of Murder" by Ruth Dudley Edward
 "The Balloon Man" by Charlotte MacLeod
 "Dead Letter" by Jane Waterhouse
 "The Cat Who Saw Stars" by Lillian Jackson Braun

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Genos" 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. William D. Lewis, Pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Main St., Dallas. The Rev. Robert A. Nagy. Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School grades 1-12, 10 a.m. Nursery provided. 675-1723.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m., Family Oriented Service; 11 a.m. Traditional Service. Sunday Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Child Care Provided. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m., Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Phone 675-3859 or e-mail: stpaul@epix.net for more information. Everyone welcome! Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor.



ANNETTE HOLMGREN AND MARK JONES

Annette Holmgren will be bride of Mark Jones

Annette Holmgren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Holmgren, Newtown, Hanover Township, and Mark E. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Festa, Shavertown and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Kingston, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Ms Holmgren is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kulah and the late Marie Holmgren Wenger.

Mr. Jones is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Littleton, Forty Fort and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School, Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke. She is employed as a Registered Nurse by Wyoming Valley Health Care System.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Dallas High School. He is employed by Wasserotts.

The couple will exchange vows on August 28, 1999 at St. Nicholas R.C. Church, Wilkes-Barre.

USDA announces FSA Disaster Program, begins February 1

USDA is announcing a new FSA Disaster Program which will begin Feb. 1 and continue through March 12.

If you had a loss in any three of the last five crop years (1994 through 1998) and the crop was either insured or covered by NAP, then you may select any three years in which you had a documented loss and receive 25 percent of the total insurance claim payments or total NAP payments received or that would have been received during that three year period.

If you had a loss in 1998 and in three of the last five years, then payments will be made at the higher of the two levels.

If you had a loss only in 1998 crop that exceeded 35 percent of the historical yield and your crop was insured, then you will receive 65 percent of the FCIC market

price. If no insurance was available for your crop and you were covered under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP), then you will receive 65 percent of the five-year average price.

If your crop was eligible for insurance but was not insured, then you will receive 60 percent of the FCIC market price.

Payments will be made in early Spring, 1999. You will probably not receive the full calculated payment as the total for all eligible producers may be more than available money.

All payments will be reduced by the same factor and be limited to \$80,000 per person.

Further information is available at the Luzerne County FSA Office, 911 West Main Street, Plymouth, PA 18651-2799. Phone 779-0732 or Fax (570) 779-5714.

BMT Seniors hold meeting

The Back Mountain Seniors met Jan. 21. A mention was made regarding members who were absent because of illness.

Kaye Ray is now a resident at the Meadows Nursing Home in Dallas. Clara Poltrineri is recuperating at home following cardio bypass surgery. Sophie Kapral is a patient at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital undergoing various tests.

The winners of the 50/50 chances were Peg Adamitz and Chester Molley.

January birthday honorees are Anne Balavage, Betty Beline and Mary Wahlgo. February honorees

are Genevieve Albosta and Albert Ray.

Joseph Sirochman has been called for bingo and in charge of the 50/50 chances.

At the business meeting on Feb. 4, the nominating committee, Joseph Precone, Florence Dennis and Genevieve Albosta will present the slate for the 1999 term, to be installed in March.

Ray and Marie Yuknavage will host the birthday table for the January and February honorees at the social meeting on Feb. 18.

New members are welcome. Call Lillian Soverski at 696-1828.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens 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 February 8. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Beef stir fry, cranberry juice, Oriental vegetables, whole wheat bread, parsleyed rice, orange sherbert.

TUESDAY - Hawaiian Day -

Baked ham, butternut squash, green peas, dinner roll, chocolate pudding, grapefruit juice.

WEDNESDAY - Veal parmesan, pasta w/marinara sauce, mixed vegetables, Italian bread, parmesan cheese, banana.

THURSDAY - Roast turkey, whipped potatoes, vegetable medley, whole wheat bread, cranberry sauce, gravy, chilled peaches, apple juice.

FRIDAY - Valentine's Day - Stuffed chicken breast w/fricassee sauce, stuffed baked potato, Roman vegetable medley, dinner roll, cherry pie, rosy applesauce, gelatin salad.



Brittney Hillard wins dance competition

The General Federation of Women's Club, Harveys Lake, recently announced that Brittney Hillard had won the Solo Tap Dance Division in their annual Performing Arts Competition.

Brittney, daughter of Keith and Larisa Hillard of Dallas, attends Gate of Heaven School and is in the fifth grade.

She is a student of Bob and Kris Oberst at Back Mountain Dance Studio for the past five years. Brittney will now perform at the GFWC Luzerne County Arts Festival in March. Other winners include: Aniela Coveleski, Harveys Lake and Jesse Ryan, Dallas.

Misericordia to hold free income tax assistance program in Feb.

Accounting and business students at College Misericordia will again participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Program (VITA), offering free assistance in filling out tax returns. The students receive training on materials provided by the IRS and are supervised by Misericordia faculty members.

The tax service is available by appointment on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 6, 13, 20; March 13, 20 and 27, and will be provided on the fourth floor of the Administration Building. Interested persons may

call 674-6430 or 674-6237 for an appointment.

VITA is intended to assist low income, elderly and handicapped people who may not otherwise have access to accounting help with their taxes, according to Joan Foster, assistant professor of business and co-ordinator of the program. The students will help with state and local tax forms, as well as IRS returns.

The students work as volunteers, on their own time, but gain training experience and an opportunity to work with the public through the program.

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