

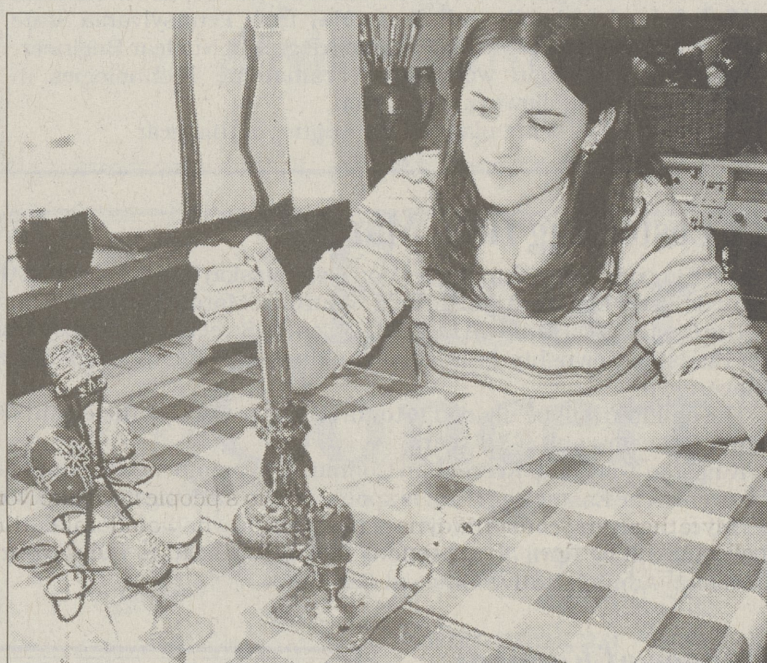
Turning food into art

Lake-Lehman High School is proud to acknowledge the following member of the Senior High Crafts class. These students were presented awards in the Rice Art Competition: 1st place, Mary Smee, junior; 2nd place, Katie Sprau, junior; 3rd place, Sandy Lowery, senior; Honorable mention, Sarah Race. Craft students began rice art, a mosaic art form, in the second marking quarter. Exhibiting great patience, the students completed the tesserae project three weeks in to the third marking quarter. The subject matter was selected by students. Placement sketches were done on paper and transferred to masonite with carbon paper. All rice was dyed with four basic food colors, from which hundreds of colors were created. The rice was then dried, assorted into colors, and finally placed grain by grain upon the pattern on the masonite. This year's judges were: Mrs. Christine Kopcho, biology; Mrs. Sandy Weyman, English; Mr. Joseph Dombrowski, English. Judges were to be aware of placement of rice, clarity and brilliance of color, complexity of design, shading and overall appeal of the work.



Many of the art works also placed at the Rossetti Art Show, College Misericordia, Dallas. Top photo, from left, Sarah Race, Mary Smee, Katie Sprau and Sandra Lowery showed off their rice creations. Valerie Williams, below left, worked on a piece of decaupage. Below right, Janice Marchakitus finished up a traditional Ukrainian painted egg, or pysanky.

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The economic viewpoint



Howard Grossman

Charisma could help region

Charisma is a Greek word meaning "gift of grace." Charisma is sometimes pointed to as being a rare quality which is attributed to people such as former President John F. Kennedy, Hollywood movie stars, well-known sports personalities, and others. Charisma recognizes special qualities in an individual, sometimes positive and sometimes negative. Positive charisma is exemplified by individuals whose ability is unquestioned, whose talents are obvious and whose admiration is broad scale and enduring.

Negative charisma includes those attributes which create havoc and are unlikely to be replicated, characteristics which cause individuals to dislike that person, faults which may be defined as evil and despicable, and are traits which are not the definition we seek for young people.

Charisma encompasses a challenge which is an important contribution to Northeastern Pennsylvania and its future. Leaders in the region do not necessarily have to have charisma, but they need a style of grace which warrants emulation. Negative charisma personifies stealth, bad intentions, and irresponsible overtones. Leadership within the region comes about as a result of organized thinking which enables positive accomplishments to be promoted, best practices to be marketed, and communities to be recognized as leaders among leaders.

Fallen leaders of the region's past should not be forgotten. Their style and charismatic life are an important testimony to the capacity and capabilities which this region now offers. People like Thomas P. Shelburne, former owner of WNEP-TV, Lou Feldmann, an attorney in Hazleton, John Hibbard former President of Commonwealth Telephone, and many

others are the type of individuals who have distinguished themselves either as community leaders of recognition or charismatic leaders who have caused many others to join their crusade for new jobs, a new community, a new capacity for positive growth.

Charismatic leaders of the past helped to create positive tension by raising civic consciousness to enable the region to create the most startling regional economic comeback in the history of the United States. It enabled areas such as the Back Mountain, the Abingtons, Mountaintop and others to become major residential communities for the urban centers of the region.

Northeastern Pennsylvania is blessed with new opportunities to raise the interest level of our citizens to be proud of their heritage, proud of their own abilities, proud of the opportunities for the future. This will be accomplished, hopefully, through a new image improvement campaign which will carry the symbol of "Our Commonwealth: the Pocono Northeast Region." The leaders of today and their drive, ambition, and charisma must strike moments of responsibility which can set a tone for shaping the region of tomorrow in a form, content, and economy which will have tremendous capacity to meet the needs of the generations to follow.

The region is endowed with significant natural resources to enable our regional Pocono-Northeast Commonwealth to be a strong partnership for the benefit of the many and to meet the needs of those who have fallen behind and need support system which Northeastern Pennsylvania traditionally has provided. This is part of our regional charisma.

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Easter musical drama at Sweet Valley

Sweet Valley Church of Christ Adult Choir presents the musical/drama "Jesus, the Resurrection" April 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. The church is located on Main Road in Sweet Valley. Admission is free and nursery is provided for families with small children. For more information, please call Julie Lyons at 477-2320.

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