

Fire co.

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a "fixings for Christmas dinner" raffle, which featured food donated by a local supermarket. Paxton said the department is also considering having a spaghetti dinner or a breakfast in the fall.

The department organized something new this year. To celebrate the 75th anniversary, they held a bazaar on August 12. The block party featured food, small games of chance, and a D.J. in the evening. The volunteers also displayed the equipment they use. "It's an opportunity for the people to find out who we are and what we're about," said Kaiser.

The department is now helping to create a 30 minute video history of Shavertown. Videos will cost \$19.95 for one or \$35 for two, and can be pre-ordered. The video should be ready in October, Paxton said.

Shavertown Vol. Fire Co. has other smaller sources of money. Kingston Township provides funds to emergency service providers, but Paxton said township money is split between the Shavertown and Trucksville departments and the Ambulance Association. Township monies make up less than a third of the company's budget.

Most money the department receives goes into the general fund, which is used to maintain and fuel the vehicles, buy new equipment, and pay the utilities and expenses of the fire hall.

The department sees between \$80,000 and \$90,000 per year in both expenses and income.

Money from the aluminum cans goes to making payments on the Quint ladder truck purchased in 1996. The department will pay \$386 a month for the next 15 years to the state for the truck, and they also make a \$33,000 annual payment to a bank. The truck also costs \$6,000 a year to insure, said Paxton.

The community can also give something as valuable as money — time. The department is always looking for volunteers. "We're looking for more than just fire fighters. Anyone can



Some of the hosts, from left, Chris Roman, Kenny Miller, Eric Goeringer, Jerry Paxton.

help us. Just come to the meeting on Monday nights," said Paxton.

"People should help any way they can. People don't realize how many hours volunteers put in down there (at the station)," said Kaiser. Although junior members can start when they're 14, they can't fight fires until they're 18. Those four years allow for thorough training, said Paxton. The department often loses their younger fire fighters

when they go to college.

Plans for this year include replacing some outdated equipment and making payments on the fire truck. "We'd like to thank the people who continue to drop off their aluminum cans. We still use them," Paxton said.

To make a contribution, become a volunteer, or order a video, call the Shavertown Fire Department at 675-1302 and leave a message.



Michael Benson, Chase Benson and Alex Ivoska tried on the engine for size.

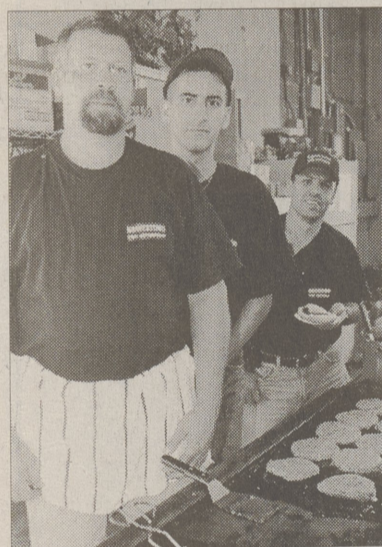
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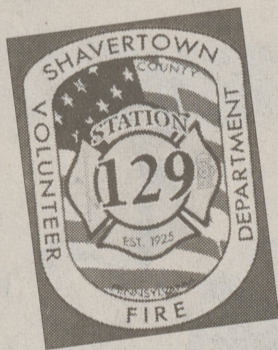
Setting the table, from left, Theresa Bosak, Florence Stella, Alberta Roberts holding her granddaughter Victoria Griffith, Helen Misson.



Annmari Konek, vice president of the firemen's auxiliary, watched over family members Stephanie, Mary Jane, Kayleigh and June Konek.



Tending fires in the kitchen, from left, Howard Jones, Tim Berti and Ricky Taddei.



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Noxen-Monroe Sportsman's club August 20

The monthly meeting of the Noxen-Monroe Sportsman's Club will be held on August 20, at 2 p.m. at the Club's Hall, Market Street, Noxen.

Bowman's Creek watershed work day Aug. 19

The Bowman's Creek Watershed will be holding a work day for it's Bank to Bank Stream Program on Saturday, August 19, at 9 a.m. The Project will consist of Stream habitat improvement. All members and anyone wishing to help, meet at the intersection of Route 29 and Buckwheat Hollow Road.

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