

## Renowned lecturer to speak at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 196 N. Main Street, Shavertown, continues to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. Along with other events throughout the year, the church has invited special guest speakers to come and talk about their vision for the future of the church. Members of the Back Mountain community are invited to hear the next of these events, a lecture by Dr. Gordon W. Lathrop, on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Lathrop is Charles A. Shieren Professor of Liturgy and Chaplain at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is world-renowned as a lecturer, writer and scholar in liturgics and worship. His recent speaking tours have taken him to England, Iceland, Australia, Slovakia, France and Sweden for such well-known groups and events as the World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Hein-Fry Lectures, and the Lutheran World Federation. His recent publications include two books, *Holy Things* and *Holy People*, along with a host of assorted articles.

A period for questions and discussion will follow a break midway through the presentation. This event is free of charge, and a fellowship reception will follow.

## L-L '71 meeting to plan 30th reunion

The Lake-Lehman class of '71 will hold a planning meeting for the upcoming 30th class reunion. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Joe's Grotto, Harveys Lake, beginning at 6 p.m. Any class member who would like to help plan this event should try to attend this meeting.



## Sisk celebrates sixth

Brian Paul Sisk, Jr. is celebrating his 6th birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Brian is the son of Brian and Cathy Sisk of Lake Silkworth. He is the grandson of Elmer and Mary Ann Jones of Wilkes-Barre, and the late James Sisk of Wilkes-Barre and the late Mae Prestangelo of Port Blanchard. Brian has a sister, Emily, who is 8 years old. They both attend Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

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Members of the Pennsylvania En Plein Air society create works of art. Left: Laura Vodzak of Dallas; center, Marcie Jones of Hunlock Creek; right, Sue Hand of Dallas.

## Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society artists hold exhibit

Artists of the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society, including award-winning painters Sue Hand and Doug Brown, will be holding their 8th Annual Members' Exhibit Nov. 11-24 at the Hazleton Art League, 225 East Broad St., Hazleton.

Over 30 members will exhibit their most recent artworks. The landscapes are painted in the tradition of *en plein air*, a classical French term meaning "in the open air."

"Northeastern Pennsylvania is a world of beauty waiting to be

captured by the artist," says Sue Hand, founder and chairperson of the Society.

The paintings and drawings will represent a variety of media including oil, alkyd, watercolor, graphite, pastel and mixed media. The exhibitors range in experience from professional artists to hobbyists and art students, but all are dedicated to the art of *plein air* painting.

Other local members of the society include Lowry Puckey, Dallas; Charles Woodworth, Hunlock

Creek; Kristin Kopen, Shavertown; Laura Vodzak, Dallas; Ann Searfoss, Carverton; Susan Lowcavage, Hunlock Creek; Karen Shelley, Harvey's Lake; and Lora Womer, Hunlock Creek.

Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 2-4 p.m. at the Hazleton Art League, 225 East Broad St., Hazleton. For more information concerning the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society and its 8th Annual Members' Exhibit, call 675-5094.



## Shavertown UMC has a Mitten Tree

The third grade class of the Adventures In Faith Sunday school program at Shavertown United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Mitten Tree for the children of the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. The tree is situated in the lower level stairway. The public is welcome to donate items such as gloves, mittens, scarves, socks and hats. Collection will run through Nov. 26. Members of the class shown are: Ray Yagloski, Christine Snedeker, Krystal Scales, Paige Williams and Michael Adams. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave. Shavertown, phone 675-3616.

## Food distribution at River of Life

The River of Life Fellowship of Shavertown will conduct a free food distribution for the needy on Friday, Nov. 17 from 3 to 4 p.m. Food can be picked up at the ministry offices at 194 N. Memorial Hwy, Shavertown. For more information, call 674-5459

## Charity Dance at the American Legion

There will be a Toys for Tots Charity Dance held at the American Legion Post 672 in Dallas on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Entertainment is being provided by Johnny Chrome. Admission will be \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door.

## SCID staff members recognized for long and dedicated service

Superintendent Ben Varner of State Correctional Institute at Dallas recognized Mr. Thomas Yackiel, Captain Michael Griego, Lieutenant Thomas Mushala for their many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Thomas Yackiel has served the Department of Corrections for 20 years, beginning in November of 1980 a correctional officer at SCI-Dallas. In August of 1985, he was temporarily assigned as a drug and alcohol counselor, and during November of 1985, he was assigned duties as a correctional counselor. In August of 1987 he was transferred to SCI-Frackville as a corrections counselor, where he remained until being transferred back to SCI Dallas in August of 1993, where he has served in the capacity of unit manager since then.

Captain Michael Griego, also with 20 years of service, began his

career in 1980 at SCI-Dallas as a Correctional Officer 1. He worked as a housing unit officer until 1988. He then assisted in opening SCI-Retreat by trainin gnew correctional officers. He worked as a Correctional Officer 2 until 1990, when he returned to SCI-Dallas and was promoted to Correctional Officer 3. In 1993 Griego became a Captain — Correctional Officer 4 — and currently serves as a shift commander.

Lieutenant Thomas Mushala is recognized for his 30 years of service. Prior to his work with the Department of Corrections, he served in the uniform section of the Secret Service in the White House in Washington, DC, under Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon; prior to that he served on the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. Lt. Mushala is also a veteran of the US Army who served overseas.



Pictured, left to right: Thomas Yackiel, Superintendent Ben Varner, Captain Michael Griego. Not shown: Lt. Thomas Mushala.

## DHS Class of '81 reunion planning mtg.

Dallas High School Class of 1981 will hold a reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m., Nov. 24 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. Any class member who is interested in planning our 20 year reunion is invited. For more information call Katie McHutchson, 675-3244.

## Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

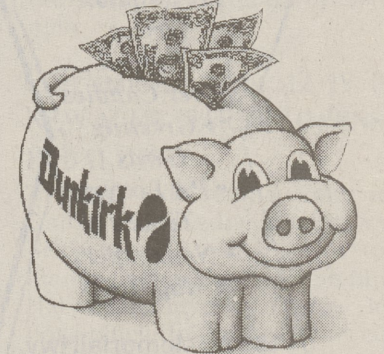
An ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service for the Back Mountain, sponsored by the Back Mountain Ministerium, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at St. Therese's Roman Catholic Church, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown. The service has been planned by Rev. Mark Harper of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Rev. David Mansfield of the Huntsville Christian Church and Rev. William Kennard of Alderson United Methodist Church. Rev. Kennard will be the featured speaker of the evening and other clergy of the ministerium will participate. Members of area choirs are invited to participate in the evening choral anthem. A refreshment hour will follow the service. Rev. Charles Naugle, convenor of the Ministerium, invites all worshippers to bring an offering of food for the Back Mountain Food Pantry, which is in great need of supplies.

## Barbershop Harmony Chorus rehearsals

Area men interested in singing Christmas Carols in four-part harmony a cappella at local nursing homes and hospitals are invited to attend rehearsals of the "Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus" at St. Clement/Peter Episcopal Church, Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre. Rehearsals are planned for Monday nights, 8 to 9 p.m., on Nov. 20 and 27, Dec. 4 and 11. Traditional, well-known carols will be sung at performances on Sunday Dec. 17 between 2 and 4 p.m. For more information, call William Zdancewicz at 287-2476.

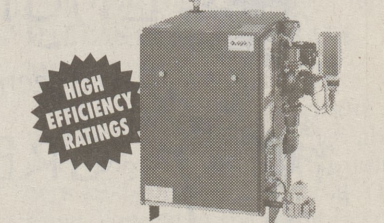
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