

Jr. Girl Scout ceremony

Junior Girl Scout Troop 2654 recently held their investiture rededication ceremony at Shavertown United Methodist Church. Leaders are Margie Banks and Karen Pietraccini. Pictured are from left, first row: Lindsey Davenport, Hannah Bestwick, Molly Gilligan, Abby Mulhern, Aarika Whittle, and Amanda Banks. Second row: Stacy Searles, Krissy O'Donnell, Ally Evans, Jill Jackson, Paige Selenski, Michelle Witherow, Rebecca Banks, Alyssa Cybulski, Meghan Pietraccini, Kaylie Lumley, Alissa Searles and Lauren Zimmiski. Absent from photo was Ellen Morgan.



Back Mountain Memorial Library new books

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

FICTION

"Violets are Blue" by James Patterson
 "Jackdaws" by Ken Follett
 "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse" by Louise Erdrich
 "The Stranger" by Albert Camus
 "The Webster Chronicle" by Daniel Akst
 "The Fiery Cross" by Diana Gabaldon

"Highwire Moon" by Susan Straight
 "The Jerusalem Scrolls" by Bodie Thoene

NONFICTION

"The Lost Children of Wilder" by Nina Bernstein
 "Ready-Start-School!" by Sandra F. Rief
 "Down 42nd Street" by Marc Eliot
 "Neighbors" by Jan Tomasz Gross
 "Feeling Good is Good for You" by Carl J. Charnetski
 "Leader Effectiveness Training, LET: the proven people skills for today's leaders" by Thomas Gor-

don
 "Mercurochrome" by Wanda Coleman
 "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis

"How to Say It in Your Job Search" by Robbie Miller Kaplan

MYSTERY

"Smuggler's Moon" by Bruce Alexander
 "Chasing the Devil's Tail" by David Fulmer
 "Retribution" by Stuart T. Kaminsky

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"You Only Die Twice" by Edna

Buchanan
 "Dead Sleep" by Greg Iles
 "The Truest Heart" by Samantha James

SCIENCE FICTION

"Guardians of the Lost" by Margaret Weis
 "The Pillars of Creation" by Terry Goodking

YOUNG ADULT

"Sigmund Freud: pioneer of the mind" by Catherine Reef
 "Seek" by Paul Fleischman
 "Black Potatoes: the story of the Great Irish Famine" by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers 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. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The following is the menu for the week of Dec. 27 - Jan 2.

THURSDAY: Baked pork chop, wax beans, sweet potatoes, raisin bread, cranberry juice, orange sherbert.

FRIDAY: Egg salad with American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise, pita bread, chicken rice soup, pickled beets, orange juice, fruited gelatin.

MONDAY: Stuffed cabbage rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, peaches.



Youths bake cookies

Sunday School youth of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church held their annual Christmas cookie bake for missions. Cookies this year were baked for St. Vincent's de Paul Soup Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre; Red Bird Mission, Thousandsticks, Ky, two local nursing homes, baskets for shut-ins, and the VA hospital in Wilkes-Barre. Over 114 doz. cookies were baked by the youth and the cookie home bakers.

Holiday bakers, from left, first row: Amy Vodzak, Aubrey Kupstus, Megan Vodzak, Jen Dymond, and Karen Darby. Second row: Julia Kvashay, Justin Hackling, and Chris Howell. Absent from photo: Kristen Vodzak.

Oliveri passes ultrasound exam

Janine Oliveri, Chief Sonographer of the Ultrasound Department and Technical Director of the Vascular Laboratory at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center (GWV), Wilkes-Barre, recently passed the new breast ultrasound examination offered by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

An active member of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Society of Ultrasound, and the Society of Vascular Technology, Oliveri is also certified in vascular, OB/GYN and abdomen sonography.

Oliveri earned her masters of science degree in education and a bachelor of science degree in radiologic technology from College Misericordia, Dallas. She lives in Dallas.

Holiday trash pickup at lake

Harveys Lake Borough announces the garbage at the Lake will be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 22 and on Saturday, Dec. 29. Recycling will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 24 and on Monday, Dec. 31 (weather permitting).



Meadows Auxiliary dedicates gifts

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently dedicated the gifts of an organ and piano for the residents of the center through a generous bequest from Alice R. Williams. Irene Transue, Auxiliary President, conducted the ceremony and musical selections on the instruments were performed by auxiliaries Louise Montigny and Martha Linski.

Mrs. Williams was a member of Maple Grove Church, Pikes Creek, and representatives from the church attended the event. Evadne Ruggles, sister of Mrs. Williams, was a resident at the nursing center.

Shown at the dedication, from left: Auxiliaries Martha Linski, Irene Transue, Louise Lamoreaux; Marilyn Gregorski, Volunteer Director; Maple Grove Church members, Francis Yahara, Doloris Piatt, and seated Jean Holcomb; Louise Montigny and Bernie Hill.

Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre to celebrate anniversary

Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre, a community leadership program for area high school sophomores and juniors, is celebrating its 15th Anniversary with a party at the Riverstreet Jazz Cafe on December 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre class members, graduates and Advisory Council members, past and present, are invited. Miss Pennsylvania, Rosalyn Menon, Junior Leadership class of 1996, will make remarks and Bob Loftus, class of 1990, will provide entertainment.

The cost is \$15 per person. For more information please contact the Leadership Wilkes-Barre office at 823-2101 or e-mail info@leadershipwilkes-barre.org.

New members at Trucksville UMC

The Trucksville United Methodist Church recently welcomed 22 new members into the congregation. Included in the group were Judith Carder, Judy Ann and John Curtis, Richard Gordon, Gerald and Dorothy Hoover, Susan and Edward Jenkins, Harold Jones, Bryn Kaufer, Vincent and Sharon Lamoreaux, Jodi Luksic, Scott and Michele Perl, Myrtle Philo,

Susan Reavy, Mary K. Sigman, Regina Stanton, Ann and Ronald Roberts, Harold Joens and Donna Schuler.

Following the morning services the United Methodist Women entertained all members of the congregation at an appreciation lunch for their support of the many church projects throughout the year.

Girl Scouts offer holiday gift wrapping

As part of their on-going community service, Senior Girl Scout Troop #665 of Dallas will be offering holiday gift wrapping on Saturday, Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of the Dallas United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Holiday paper, bow and tags will be provided-you provide the gift and box. Gifts may either be dropped off, or can be wrapped while you wait.

Afghan raffle winners

The Shavertown Vol. Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary held their Afghan Pbs Raffle drawing on December 16, at the Shavertown Fire Company Bingo.

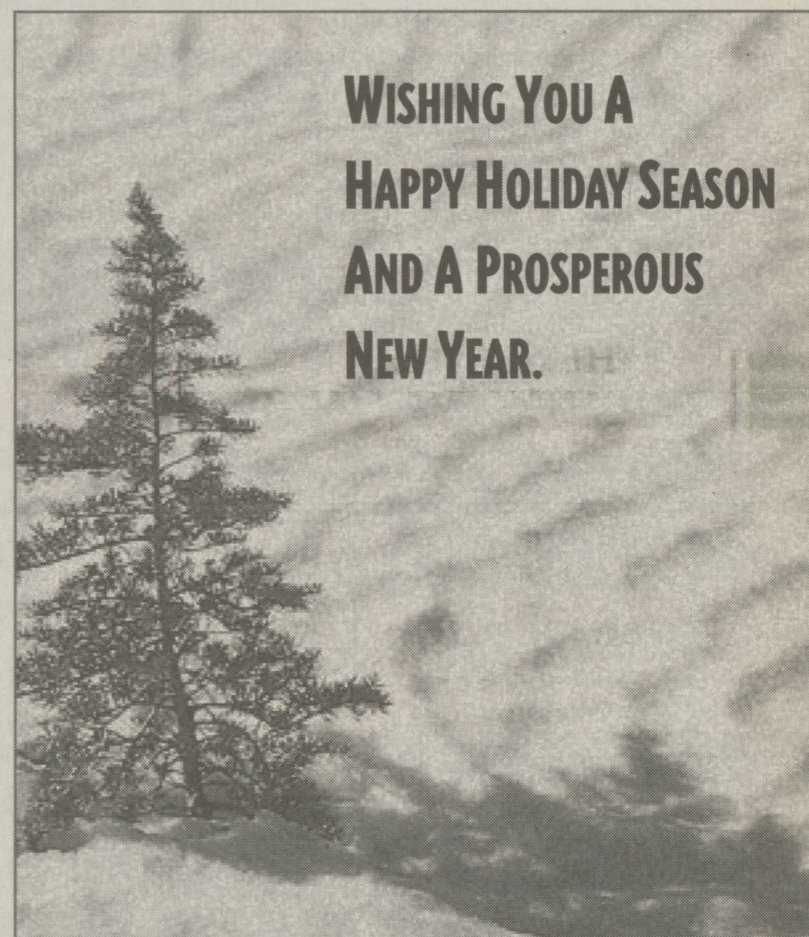
The winners are: 1st prize-Double Afghan, Jean Chadwick, Shavertown; 2nd prize-Single White Afghan, Greg Stiles, W-B; 3rd prize-Twin Bed Spread, Ellen Alaimo, Shavertown; 4th prize-Single Afghan, Vivian Newcomb, Shavertown; 5th prize-Food Basket of Groceries, Jean Brennan, Shavertown.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary thank all those who supported the raffle. The profits, allow the auxiliary to buy equipment or support the ever expanding expenses of the Shavertown Vol. Fire Company, who serve the community.

Luminary display planned

The Back Mountain Catholic Youth Council and the Shavertown Fire Department invite residents of the Back Mountain Community to join together on Christmas Eve in a "Lighting of the Luminaries" and a Prayer for World Peace.

Members of the fire department and youth council are selling luminary packets (includes 12 votive candles, 12 small bags, packet of sand and World Prayer for Peace) on the three weekends before Christmas. Packets cost \$5 each. Shavertown Fire Department will be selling in front of Thomas' Family Market, Shavertown. Youth Council members will sell after all masses at the following churches: Gate of Heaven, Dallas, Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake, St. Frances X., Cabrini, Carverton and St. Therese's, Shavertown.



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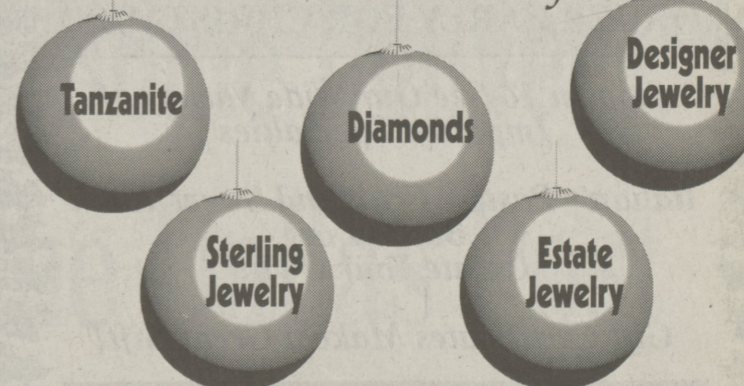


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