

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Thomas G. Winter, Ph.D., professor of physics at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, recently received word that he has been elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. His will receive his fellowship certificate in May at the annual meeting of the Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics of the American Physical Society in Boulder, Colorado. Each year, no more than one-half of 1 percent of the current membership of the Society are recognized by their peers for election to the status of Fellow in The American Physical Society.

Dr. Winter earned his fellowship on the basis of 33 years of research in theoretical atomic physics, treating collisions between ions and atoms.

Dr. Winter, a Shavertown resident, joined the faculty at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in 1976 as an assistant professor. He earned the rank of associate professor in 1981, and became a full professor in 1987. Previously he did research at Rice University, the Queen's University of Belfast, and the University of Wisconsin. He served as acting campus executive officer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre from 1994 to 1997, and he founded and continues to direct the highly successful campus recycling program.

Dr. Winter holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Wisconsin and a B.A. in mathematics (magna cum laude) from Queen's College of the City University of New York.

Two Back Mountain residents were recently installed as officers for the Northeast Pennsylvania Dental Hygiene Association (NPDHA). **Jane Balavage**, Dallas, was installed as secretary and **Cathy Stanski**, also of

Dallas, was installed as trustee at the annual installation of officers and committee chairs at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Wilkes-Barre.

The teaching and research of **Katherine Anselmi** of Dallas, Penn., associate professor nursing in the College of Human Services and Health Professions at Syracuse University, was recently profiled in the fall/winter issue of the college's biannual publication, *Insights*. *Insights* is the official publication of the College of Human Services and Health Profession at Syracuse University.

Anselmi is an expert on women's health, family planning, and the Dalkon Shield liability case. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, her law degree from Syracuse University's College of Law, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree from Wilkes College.

Thomas A. McCullough, President of Grange National Bank has announced the recent promotion of **John Peterson**, branch manager for the Back Mountain office.

Peterson who has been employed by the bank since 1999, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. During his time at the Back Mountain office, he has increased deposits by 94 percent and loans by 115 percent. Management stated that the Back Mountain office is one of the fastest growing branch offices in the Grange National Bank network.

Mr. Peterson resides with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, John Jr., and Justin in Pittston. He is the treasurer and a Board member of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association and the Pittston Little League. John is also a coach for the Pittston Little League and participates in the Junior Achievement program at the Dallas Elementary School.

Reception Sunday to open Rosetti Art Show

The 22nd Annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Show will open on Sunday, March 2 from 1-4 p.m. at the MacDonald Art Gallery, College Misericordia in Dallas. The public is invited to the art exhibit as well as the awards ceremony in Walsh Auditorium at 4 p.m.

Joe and Sue Hand of Dallas sponsor the Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest in memory of the daughter of Louise and the late Peter Rossetti of Saugus, MA. Louise will attend the reception to greet the award winners.

The exhibit will include artworks in pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, ink, scratchboard, mixed media, fibers, photography, prints, miniature drawings and paintings, 3-D, and applied design. The artworks were created by 7th through 12th grade students from the areas of Dallas, Lehman, Tunkhannock, and Northwest. Over 1,000 entries were judged separately on each grade level in twelve different categories.

The exhibit of winning artworks will continue March 11 through March 30. Gallery hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Friday 12-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m.; the gallery is closed Mondays.



Louise Rosetti, left, with Laura Vozzak, Best of Show winner at the 2002 Rosetti Art Show.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Savokinas, Sheriff

Michael A. Savokinas, Exeter Township, has announced his candidacy for the post of Luzerne County Sheriff. Mr. Savokinas will seek election on the Democratic ticket in the upcoming May primary.

The candidate is the son of Michael and Georgia Savokinas of Pittston Township. Savokinas is a 1991 graduate of Pittston Area High School and completed his Mandatory Police Training (ACT120) certificate from Lackawanna Junior College in Scranton in April, 1992.

He began his career in law enforcement as a Luzerne County deputy sheriff under the direction of the late Frank Jagodinski. He was appointed as a patrolman serving Avoca Borough in 1992. Since that time, he has served the boroughs of Dupont, Pittston Twp. and Sugar Notch respectively as a police officer. In 1996, he was the recipient of a valor award from the mayor of Avoca and borough council for saving the life of a potential drowning victim. Savokinas continues to serve Avoca and Pittston Twp. Police Departments as a part-time police officer.

In 1997 Savokinas was ap-

pointed to a full-time position as a special agent for the Canadian Pacific (formerly D & H) railroad with a commission from former Pa. Governor Tom Ridge. He continues to work in this investigative capacity and his duties encompass police work in 12 Pa. counties, seven states and all of Canada.

Nowakowski, Sheriff

George "Nipper" Nowakowski, of 174 Foote Avenue, Duryea recently announced he is seeking the Democratic Nomination for Sheriff of Luzerne County.

Nowakowski is a graduate of Pittston High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey and served the state proudly as a Trooper and criminal investigator for 25 years. After retirement he became an instructor at Lackawanna College, teaching police cadets in the Act 120 Program.

Wehrer, Commissioner

David R. Wehrer, of 317 Frederick Street, Kingston has announced his candidacy for Luzerne County Commissioner. Wehrer will run as a Democratic candidate in the May Primary.

A resident of Luzerne County for over 25 years, Wehrer wants the Board of Commissioners to follow the Sunshine Law "to the letter." He advocates taking the Commissioner's meetings "on the road" once a month to all municipalities of the county.

Wehrer advocates the return to a professional day-to-day administrator to assist the Commissioners in operating the affairs of county government.

"The Board of Commissioners should serve as an advocate for regionalization and should do everything possible to foster increased intergovernmental cooperation between municipalities," said Wehrer.

He pledges to strengthen the long-range planning capabilities of county government.

Wehrer advocates the hiring of a full time professional to oversee the maintenance of the levy system in Wyoming Valley and the intricate network of pump stations, and a strong financial commitment by the county to insure the integrity of the flood control system.

Wehrer pledges to improve county relations with volunteer fire and ambulance personnel, and to press for a modern firefighter training facility where local volunteers could practice and train on a regular basis.

Wehrer also advocates partnering with the county's medical community to develop a certified and licensed trauma center. Wehrer feels the Board of Commissioners should allow the Controller to participate in all matters related to the formulation of the annual budget, and the advice of the Controller should be sought on all financial matters relating to the county, Wehrer said.

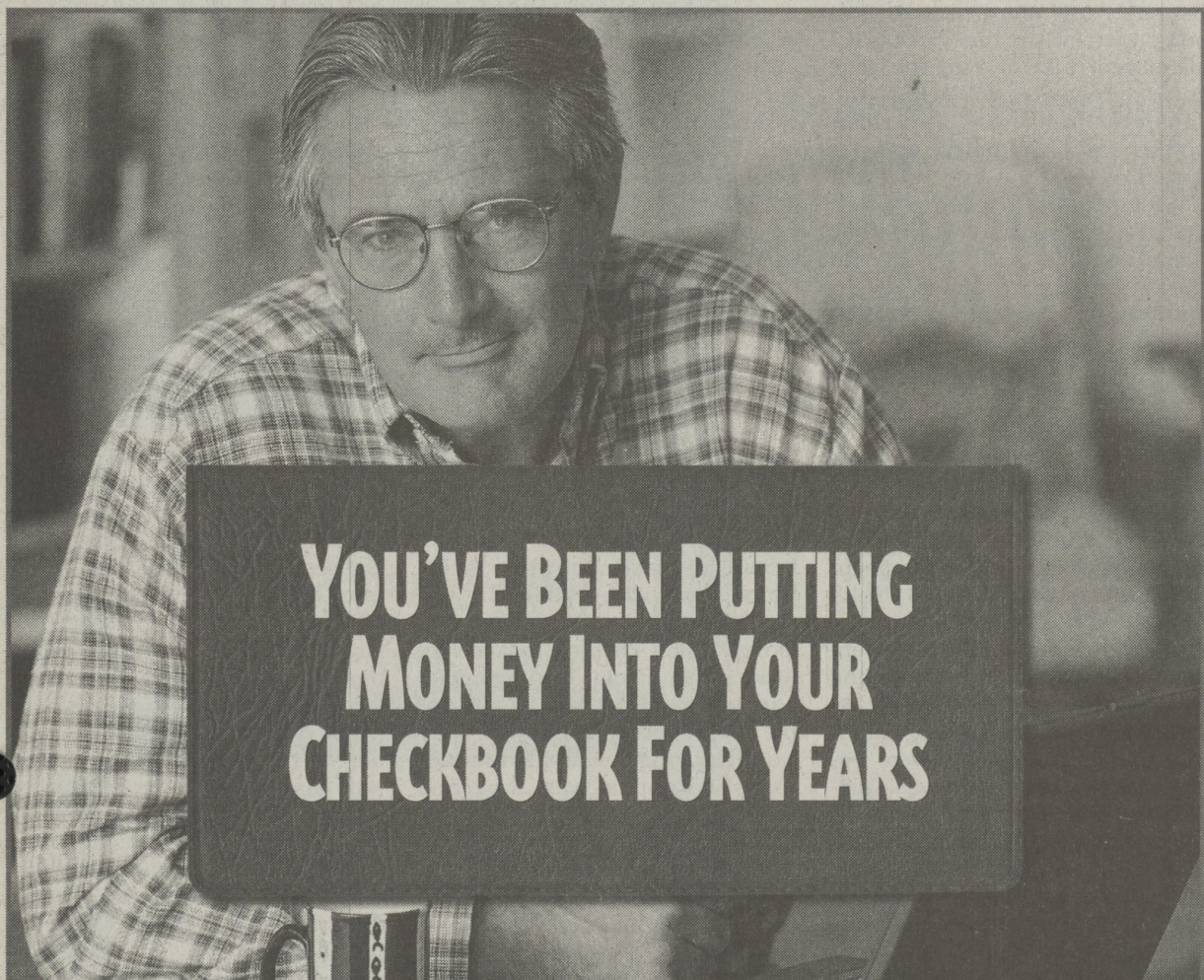
Wehrer and his wife Susan, have one son Kevin.

Rec park group seeks executive director

Back Mountain Recreation Inc., the non-profit organization developing a regional recreation park in Lehman Township, is seeking an executive director to run the group's day-to-day operations, develop fund raising programs, seek grants and other administrative duties.

Minimum qualifications include two years experience in management of a business or non-profit entity, and applicants should have strong interpersonal skills and familiarity with basic accounting and computer tasks.

Anyone interested in the position should send a letter of interest and resume by March 1 to Management Recruiters, Suite 2, 165 S. Memorial Hwy., Trucksville PA 18708.



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