

Food Bank

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services between three and five families per week during the year; the number increases to an average of eight families weekly during the winter.

"Our supplies generally get a bit low during the summer, but pick up once school starts," Ms. Barlow commented. "The weekly food boxes are packed by Walter Meade and George Gaylord, two retired men who have donated a lot of their time to the Food Pantry."

Barlow added that if a family needs emergency food and cannot contact CEO, their church pastor can put them in touch with the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

Students and staff from College Misericordia recently collected fifty boxes of food items ranging from baby food to hams and bags of potatoes, to help the Back Mountain Food Pantry. According to Father Michael Bryant of the college's campus ministry, the food collection also received several cash contributions.

And the Engineering Club at Penn State Lehman Campus held a pizza sale and clothing drive to benefit the Salvation Army.

St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre plans to serve approximately 250 Thanksgiving meals. Director Anne Marie McCawley explained that the soup kitchen normally serves between 250 and 300 meals daily between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., but because there is no public transportation on holidays, fewer people come. Some downtown churches also serve Thanksgiving dinner, she said, which also cuts down on the number of visitors.

"Not all of the people whom we serve are homeless," McCawley added. "Many are people whose food stamps have run out, or who are working at minimum-wage jobs or are collecting unemployment and simply cannot make ends meet."



Eagle candidate collects items for needy

Eagle Scout candidate Adam Hoover of Trucksville spent over 150 hours collecting more than 200 donations of food and toys for needy families as his Eagle Scout project. A member of Troop 232 from Gate of Heaven Church, Adam received assistance in obtaining donations from area businesses and service organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Dallas Rotary, Dallas Lions, Dallas Kiwanis, Hoof-n-Paw Jeans, Rave's Garden Center, Trucksville Dog and Cat Hospital, Dallas Chiropractic Center and Top Value Kitchens. Adam's fellow Scouts contributed donations from their friends, families and neighbors. The items will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and Catholic Social Services.

Adam, 14, is also a Life Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is in the ninth grade at Dallas Senior High School. He is shown above with some of the items he has collected. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Assisted by Catholic Social Services and CEO, the soup kitchen also operates a food bank, a clothing room and a clinic staffed by Rural Health Corp. for the homeless. In conjunction with VISION, it also provides a noontime meal and evening bag lunch for people using the homeless shelters.

"The need for all of our services

is steadily increasing," McCawley said. "Requests for our food bank alone have tripled during the past several months. Although we obtain government surplus food and assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, we can always use more help."

"These times are financially rough for many people," concluded

Gene Brady, executive director of CEO. "Thanks to the generosity of the community, Feed a Friend will exceed last year's service. We realize that others are also having a difficult financial time, but it seems as if everyone is digging a bit deeper into their pockets to help out. The response has been gratifying."

Harveys Lake plans less spending in 1992

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

Harveys Lake Borough projects that it will spend less in 1992 than it will by the end of 1991.

The borough council had the first reading of its proposed 1992 budget at its regular meeting November 19.

The 1992 budget plan projects income at \$560,200, and expenses at \$559,879.

This year, the borough projects that income will be \$596,679, and expenses will be \$567,245, leaving the borough with a \$29,434 surplus.

The reason for the budget decrease is that 1991 was a good year for grants for Harveys Lake. The borough received \$74,800 in grants in 1990.

In comparison, in 1990, the borough received only \$3,347 in grants out of its \$522,712 budget.

The 1992 budget estimates that the borough will receive \$55,200 in grants.

Councilman Richard Boice, the finance chairman, said that the borough has not increased the property tax for the past nine years.

Taxes in the borough will remain the same, with a 21.5 mill property tax, and a 1% earned income tax which is split with the school district. The garbage fee

will also remain at \$85 a year.

A mill is a \$1 tax on each \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Waste oil to be recycled

The borough's Environmental Advisory Council will begin recycling used motor oil.

"I knew quite a few people who have questioned me what to do with used waste oil," said councilman David Abod, chairman of the environmental council. "I never knew what to tell them."

Now the borough has a tank to keep the oil in and a company lined up to take the oil and process it into clean motor oil again.

Residents who have oil they'd like to recycle can call the borough building at 639-2113 to make an appointment to drop off the oil.

The oil doesn't have to be separated by grade, or detergency.

While some residents like to put oil on roads to keep down the dust, Abod points out that the practice is against the law.

Recycling update

The borough still has 1,200 recycling containers to be picked up. Residents who wish to pick up their containers may do so at the borough building.

Abod asked that residents put out their recycling containers every week instead of waiting until their recycling containers fill up.

WHERE TO GET HELP

Emergency food and other assistance are available through several area service agencies, which can put you in touch with the people who can best help to meet your needs.

Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO): 826-0510

Back Mountain Food Pantry: contact your pastor or CEO

Luzerne County Assistance Office: 826-2137

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen: 829-7796

Wyoming Valley Council of Churches: 825-8543

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