

## Boy Scouts collecting food

Boy Scout Troop 281, Dallas, is collecting food for the "Scouting for Food" program. All donations remain in the Back Mountain to help needy area families. Anyone wishing to donate food or cash to buy food may contact any troop member or bring donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church November 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Troop members are John Paul Lech, Mike Miller, Corey Pajka, Clint Smith, Chris Riley, Floyd Mattie, Matt Mark, Andrew Dale, R.J. Barna, Ryan Stredny, Lee Griffen, John Cuprich, Jeff Polley, Brian Downey, Dave Neiman, John Folmer, Dan Wasserott, Aaron Stredny, assistant scoutmaster Phil Dale. Scoutmaster is Paul Kutish.

### BACK MOUNTAIN BRIEFS

#### Ecumenical service Nov. 19 at Harvest Ass'y

An ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held November 19 at 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Assembly of God, Harveys Lake.

The speaker will be the chaplain of Hospice Saint John, Bob Thomas. There will be a free will offering that will be split between the Back Mountain Food Bank and Hospice St. John.

Canned goods will also be collected.

For more information, call Pastor Keith Benjamin 298-2503.

#### Area Girl Scouts to sell candy

The Fall Product Sale Time for Girl Scouts of the Back Mountain will be held November 15 thru 26, according to territorial product manager Debbie Kirkwood of Dallas.

The All-American Assortment includes four popular candy bars, all available at \$1 each from Girl Scout Troops throughout the Back Mountain communities.

Inquiries also can be made through neighborhood candy chairpersons: Chair, Joan Pauley, Shickshiny; Sharon Duddy, Wyoming; Debbie Kirkwood, neighborhood and Faythe Roberts of Dallas.

#### VNA honors two from area for service

Dallas resident William G. Wallick was one of three volunteers on the Visiting Nurse Association's boards of directors who were recognized after completing their terms of office for the nonprofit home health agency. Wallick was honored for six years of service on the VNA/Management Services board; Maureen Moran of Shavertown, was also honored for five years as a member of the board of VNA/Management Services.

#### Thanksgiving dinner at Bretheren Church

The Brethren in Christ Church of Hunlock Creek will hold a free Thanksgiving dinner and concert November 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner, featuring turkey and all the trimmings, will be held at the church, located on Hartman Road, 1/4 mile from the Rt. 29 Moon Lake turnoff. The concert with local recording artist Ruthy Stock will follow dinner.

For directions or further information call 477-3637.



At the dedication, back row, from left, Vern Pritchard, Ruth Pritchard, Verna Halman, Jack Pritchard, Sharon Cosgrove, presenting a drawing of the playground to Ruth Pritchard and her family. Front row, Jack, Hannah, and Wayne Edmistan, grandchildren of Ruth and the late Vern Pritchard.

## Pritchard family donates memorial playground to the Trucksville Nursery School

The family of the late Vern Pritchard very generously allocated money from the Vern Pritchard Memorial Fund to the Trucksville Nursery School for its Play Yard Landscaping Project.

The project was completed in August by Fitch Landscaping Inc.

Included in the landscaping is a 40'x60' timber border filled with mulch, and a Norway Maple tree. The landscaping enhances the use of Play Equipment and both the tree and the landscaping enhances the beauty of the play yard now and will continue to do so in the future.

The late Vern Pritchard, 1912-1995, and his wife, Ruth, resided and raised their three children in Trucksville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard were members of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and Mrs. Pritchard continues to be an active member. Their children are John, Vernalee and Robert.

Vern Pritchard was tax collector for Kingston Township for many years and established The Pritchard Insurance Co. which is now owned and operated by his son, Jack Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard

was very dedicated to his family and community.

Family members attending the dedication were Mrs. Vern Pritchard; Mrs. Vernalee Halman, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchard, son; Vern E. Pritchard, grandson; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edmistan; Cyndi, granddaughter, Wayne C. Edmistan, Jack G. Edmistan, Hannah Edmistan; great-grandchildren; Rev. W. Charles Naugle, Pastor of Trucksville United Methodist Church; and Sharon Cosgrove, co-ordinator of Trucksville Nursery School were also in attendance.

## Sweet Valley Ladies sell paring knives

The high quality paring knives and vegetable peelers sold by the Sweet Valley Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary are still available. There are also some cookbooks, "Burnt Offerings" left. These items make unique gifts. Call Joy Wickard at 477-5323 or any auxiliary member to purchase.



RUSSELL JENKINS

## Celebrates 1st birthday

Russell Jenkins, son of Scott and Tammy Jenkins, Dallas, celebrated his fifth birthday on November 13.

He is the grandson of June Anderson, Dallas and the late John Anderson and also the late William and Emily Falzone.

Russell has one brother, Hayden, who is 2 1/2 years old.

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