

Trucksville UMC will offer disciple course

Trucksville United Methodist Church will offer two Disciple Courses for adults this year. The curriculum for the courses has been developed by the United Methodist Church. The Disciple I course, beginning Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. will be led by Rev. W. Charles Naugle. The Disciple III course, to be led by Rev. Charles Gommer, George Baird and Margaret Johnson will begin September 19 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will meet weekly in the Educational Facilities. Call 696-3897 for information about registration for the courses.

Dallas UMW to meet September 14

The Dallas Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the home of Shirley Goode. Those attending should bring a covered dish and their own place settings.

Louise James a guest at Tunkhannock Manor will be presented a "Special Mission Recognition" certificate and pin for her many years of service.

Plans will also be made for the Fall Rummage Sale to be held on Oct. 8 and 9. Chairmen will be announced. Margaret Baker, president will preside.

Noxen Church plans homecoming events

The First United Methodist Church, Noxen, will hold its 13th annual Homecoming Weekend on the church grounds on route 29 in Noxen Sept. 10, 12, and 13. Scheduled activities include camping, singing, playing, worshipping, and sharing our memories and our visions together.

Former members of the church and people who have moved from Noxen over the years are invited to attend. Participants are encouraged to bring photos to share.

Cub Scout Pack 281 holds registration

Cub Scout Pack 281, Dallas United Methodist Church, is gearing up for the new season. Boys 1st-5th grade are welcome to join. Signup will be at Dallas Elementary Sept. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. For information, call 675-3133.



Laketon high school graduates meet

Laketon High School, class of 1935 recently held their class reunion at the Castle Inn, Dallas. Six members of the original class were in attendance. Shown above, seated from left are, Robert Jackson, Jack Covert, and Dorrance Kocher. Second row, standing, Eunice Koslofsky Barsay, Elena Baroni, and Ruth Titus.



Bible study group to meet Wednesdays

Shavertown United Methodist Church offers a Mother's Morning Out on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the church lounge. The group offers Bible Study, support and care for moms under the direction of Rev. Janet Clark. Babysitting is provided.

Pictured, front row from left, Tracy Morgan, Cheryl Morgan, Rev. Janet Clark. Second row, Carol Wink, Jane Ketchner, and Becky Gilbert.

Girl Scouts holding registration at DMS

Girl Scout registration will be held Sept. 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School. Anyone interested in learning about the adventure of scouting is encouraged to attend this public session. Those who cannot make this registration may call the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council at 829-2631 or 1-800-432-9786 or visit the Council's WEB page at www.pennswoodsgirlscouts.org Information on adult volunteer opportunities is also available.

Costume parade will be held at Fair

The Children's Costume Parade will be held on stage at the Luzerne County Fair amphitheatre on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. To register, call 675-1761 by Sept. 1. All entrants will receive prizes, with a grand prize for a boy and a girl costumed character. A parent or adult will escort the child onto the stage. Each child will be introduced to the judges and audience.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging offer 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.

The following is the menu for the week of Sept. 13. All meals include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Yankee pot roast, whole roasted potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, rice pudding.
TUESDAY - Pierogies w/

chicken and mushroom fricassee sauce, apple compote, vegetable medley, rye bread, chocolate chip cookie.

WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburger, cherry cobbler, southwestern beans, hamburger roll, sherbet, ketchup.

THURSDAY - Chicken croquettes w/gravy, whipped potatoes, beets, whole wheat bread, cantaloupe.

FRIDAY - Baked fish w/salsa, spring mixed vegetables; risi bisi, peaches, dinner roll, birthday cake.

'Tributary' will open Chicory House contra dance season

The Chicory House and the Folklore Society will open their ninth season of New England Contra dances with the energetic Binghamton area band "Tributary." The dance takes place on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 8 p.m. at St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

The dance is a form of American traditional dancing that is moderately aerobic, multigenerational and fun. Dance organizers report that there are always experienced dancers ready to help along hesitant dancers, and also quite a few dancers trying the experience for the first time.

The dance is to be called by

Greg Frock. Greg helps organize the Baltimore dance and has a relaxed approach to calling, quickly involving newcomers.

Dancers of all ages, including children are welcome. They are encouraged to dress in light weight, casual clothing and soft-soled non-marking shoes. A few waltzes and square dances are also usually part of the evening.

Participants may bring a plate of refreshments to share during the intermission. The dances are co-sponsored by the Chicory House (a non-profit coffeehouse) and the Folklore Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. For information, call 333-4007.

Loyalville UMC hosts roasted turkey dinner

A Roasted Turkey Dinner family style will be held at Loyalville United Methodist Church, Saturday, Sept. 11. Serving 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Adults, \$6.50, children 12 and under, \$3.25. Homemade pies/takeouts available. Church is located 1/2 mile off 29 south - Loyalville Road, off route 118, turn onto Loyalville Road, approximately 3 miles.



Attending a recent meeting of Women Indeed are, from left: seated, Joan Kadis, Hanover Township; Linda Mericle, Trucksville; and Judy Silver, Harveys Lake. Standing, Carolyn Clagis, Dallas; Elly Miller, Shavertown; Carol Hession, Swoyersville; Rose Tucker, Exeter; and Susan Levinson, Dallas.

Women Indeed members gather

Elly Miller, of Shavertown, major gifts/planned giving officer at Luzerne County Community College, recently spoke at a meeting of Women Indeed, Inc.

Women Indeed, is a local organization which seeks to empower women to become fully alive by initiating programs and supporting activities which enhance awareness, education and growth. The organization was founded by Ginger Banks in February 1999.

Miller shared the story of Linda Mericle and Joan Kadis, graduates of LCCC. Miller discussed the story of Mericle's daughter, Cassie, who has multiple birth defects. Kadis, who is an R.N., has helped Mericle take care of her daughter and encouraged Mericle to come to LCCC to earn her degree. Anyone interested in joining Women Indeed, Inc. should call Carol Hession at 824-8264.

A Wedding to Remember

Popping the question: How it's been done, and how the etiquette has changed

By ELIZABETH SCHEIBNER
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For most couples, getting engaged is one of the happiest, most romantic times of their lives. No matter how it's uttered or how it's presented, a marriage proposal is a special moment that will be remembered for years to come, and retold again and again.

For this reason, it probably comes as no surprise that one of the most frequently asked questions of engaged couples is, "How did he propose?"

Every proposal, of course, is unique, and there is no right or wrong way to propose marriage. For some couples, it happens without much fanfare, and for others it's an elaborate event that culminates after weeks, or even months, of planning and preparation.

Marriage proposals come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from the subtle to the sublime.

There are stories of men proposing while skydiving or after crossing the finish line of a marathon. Others have used billboards, TV commercials and cyberspace to declare their love. And then there are the romantics who have donned suits of armor or scaled perilous cliffs to propose mar-

riage.

But it's not just men who are doing the proposing. In these days of sexual equality, many women are taking the initiative and popping the question themselves.

For example, one young female lawyer took matters into her own hands and drafted a legal summons, declaring her love for her boyfriend and subpoenaing him for life. Another woman proposed to her boyfriend during a Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza.

Regardless of who does the asking, and where it happens, a marriage proposal is an important event in any relationship.

Take the time to identify a scenario that would be meaningful and memorable for both of you.

ENGAGEMENT ETIQUETTE There was a time not too long ago, when men were expected to get permission from their future father-in-law before proposing marriage. Although this custom may seem old-fashioned by today's standards, it is still a polite and respected gesture for the groom

to obtain "permission" from his father-in-law after proposing to his bride. Or, at the very least, couples should share the news of their engagement with their parents before making their announcement public.

While some men still follow the age-old tradition of proposing marriage on bended knee, more and more men are looking for innovative ways to pop the question, whether it's broadcasting your proposal on the scoreboard

at Yankee Stadium or hiring a plane to tow a banner that says "Will you marry me?"

If you're looking for inspiration on unique ways to propose to your sweetheart - or are simply a romantic at heart - there are several books that may prompt you to pop the question.

In the book "Will You Marry Me? The World's Most Romantic Proposals" (Macmillan), by Cynthia Muchnick, more than 50 newlywed couples share their

special memories of how they became engaged.

And in "Marry Me! Courtships and Proposals of Legendary Couples" (Angel City Press), authors Wendy Goldberg and Betty Goodwin reveal the courtships and proposals of some of the most talked about couples.

Learn how Priscilla and Elvis Presley, Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier, Hillary and Bill Clinton and other celebrities decided to take the plunge.

Whether you decide to go all out or keep it simple, remember that the best marriage proposal is one that comes from your heart.

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