

Misericordia will hold Mass of Thanksgiving

In a continuing series of events celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of College Misericordia the Sisters of Mercy will be honored with a special Mass, concert and reception on Saturday, April 8. All Misericordia alumni are invited to attend this free event. Call 674-6764 or 674-6333 for information and reservations.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 4 p.m. in the Mercy Center Chapel, followed at 5 p.m. with a performance by the Pennsylvania Youth Chorale Concert and a reception in the Banks Center to follow the liturgy.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

BACK MOUNTAIN HARVEST ASSEMBLY - 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. 696-1128. Pastor, Daniel S. Miller. Christian Education for all ages, 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m., "Genos" youth service. Midweek home groups; call for days and times. Weekday prayer 6:30-7:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. William D. Lewis, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 420 Main St., Dallas, 675-1723. The Rev. Robert A. Nagy, Rector. Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 a.m. Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School pre-K thru high school 10 a.m. Midweek Holy Eucharist Tues. 7 p.m. & Thurs. 10 a.m. Both are healing services on the second Tuesday and Thursday of the month. Bible Study Tues. 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. Saturday Services: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Services: 9 a.m., Family oriented Service; 11 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. Sunday Child Care Provided. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. Sat. Worship 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Phone 675-3859 or e-mail: stpaul@epix.net for more information. Everyone welcome! Rev. Charles H. Grube, Pastor.



POST PHOTO/KASIA McDONOUGH
Tony Chiarucci (left) and Eric Loefflad spent some time "searching the globe" in preparation for the National Geographic Society's state geography bee to be held in Harrisburg April 7.

History

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teacher who organized the school's geography bee, said Eric's willingness to seek out information on his own will be an asset at the state competition. "Eric is a great kid," he said. "He has a wonderful general base of knowledge which is going to help him at the state competition where the students may be asked to name the tallest mountain or the 40th president of the United States."

Conquering the fear of public speaking is an important part of performing successfully as well. "You may be the brightest kid in the world but if you can't stand up there on that stage without being overwhelmed you won't do well," said Chiarucci. "We had a couple kids who decided not to compete in the school bee because they weren't comfortable competing in front of the whole school."

Loefflad said it isn't easy to be on stage in front of his classmates, let alone an auditorium filled with strangers, but he feels the early rounds of competition

helped prepare him for this experience. "It's hard to say what is the hardest part of this is because there have been a couple of tough moments already," he said. "I think I will be a little nervous at the state competition but I'm looking forward to it, too."

Fostering enthusiasm for geography is one reason the National Geographic Society sponsors the Pennsylvania Geography Bee and others like it across the country. "I definitely think the competition makes it fun for kids to learn more about geography," said Loefflad.

Hearing a 13-year-old use the words geography and fun in the same sentence is music to a veteran Social Studies teacher's ears.

"I'm old school," said Chiarucci. "I would love to see us go back to teaching geography as a separate subject, rather than the way we do now, as part of cultures courses."

While that's unlikely to happen anytime soon, Chiarucci can take comfort in the thought students like Eric have not lost interest in the subject. "The world, even just North America is becoming more diverse all the time, so it's important to understand about different cultures and countries," said Loefflad. "In many ways, we're really learning about ourselves when we study geography."

Osteoporosis screening set for April 14

The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging, in conjunction with Merck Pharmaceuticals, will be sponsoring an osteoporosis program on Friday, April 14, at the Wyoming County Senior Center, Tunkhannock. The program will begin at 9 a.m. with a healthy breakfast followed by an open discussion with Dr. Edward G. Zurad at 10 a.m.

Dr. Zurad will address prevention, diagnosis, treatment and long-term effects of osteoporosis.

This program is open to the public and there is no charge to attend, however registration is required. To register, call the Wyoming County Senior Center at 836-2324.

Dr. Zurad also provides primary care health services for senior citizens at the Wyoming County Senior Center every Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. To make an appointment, contact Dorothy Shaw at the senior center.

Lake-Lehman taxpayers to meet April 5

The Lake-Lehman School District Taxpayers Association invites all taxpayers of the district to attend their regular meeting April 6, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lehman Township Municipal Building located on "Old Route #115". The meeting will start at 7 p.m. The taxpayers are facing a possible millage increase.

Dallas taxes due

Dallas Borough Tax Collector, Thomas E. Reese, wishes to announce that the county/municipal real estate taxes are due in the discount value until April 15. The tax office will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Office hours for May will be announced for face value collection.

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