

Churches collect pennies for poor

Congregations of faith throughout Luzerne County are invited to compete in a spirited competition to collect pennies to help families living in poverty. The Second Annual "Penny Wars for the Poor" awards the "Proud Penny Trophy" to the congregation collecting the most pennies during 40 days and 40 nights of the Lenten season.

Last year, St. Jude's Church in Mountaintop surpassed all other competitors by collecting \$1,458.65. Nearly \$5,000 was raised in total.

Funds from the Penny Wars are donated to the Commission

on Economic Opportunity (CEO), a local nonprofit organization that has advocated for and served Luzerne County's low-income neighbors for more than three decades. The donations are used to help low-income parents with children meet the challenges of poverty through CEO's assistance with food, housing, utilities, transportation and other needs.

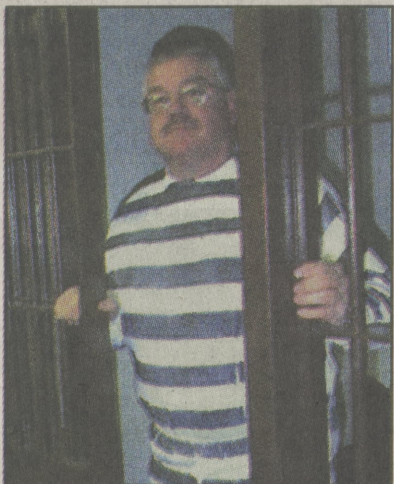
The Penny Wars officially begin Wednesday, Feb. 28. For more information, contact Denise Murphy, Volunteer Coordinator at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown (696-1144.)

Mayor locked up for MDA

Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll needs help to get out of jail. No, he hasn't been arrested for anything, except to help raise money to fight muscular dystrophy. Carroll volunteered to be "locked up" on March 8 until his friends and supporters come up with bail, which has been set at \$2,700.

That amount will fund an entire cabin of campers for a week at a summer camp operated by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Locally, the MDA office in Taylor serves hundreds of area families affected by neuromuscular diseases, and sponsors free clinics at area hospitals.

To help get the Mayor out of "jail," and to assist the fight against these devastating diseases, drop off a donation to MDA, c/o Tim Carroll, at the Dallas Borough Building, 25 Main St., Dallas, or at the office of The Dallas Post, 607 Main Rd., Dallas. Checks may also be mailed to the Mayor at P.O. Box 341, Dallas, PA 18612.



Can you help this man? Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll will be locked up until he raises "bail" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

If you want to get a look at the Mayor before contributing, visit him in his cell at the Holiday Inn, Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre, near the Wyoming Valley Mall. All donations are tax-deductible.



Bank donates to fire co.

At the grand opening of its newest branch, in Orloski's Quik Mart, Dallas, Pennstar Bank donated \$200 to Dallas Fire and Ambulance. Shown at the presentation, from left, Debra Skurkis, branch manager; Brett Slocum, president, Dallas Fire and Ambulance; David E. Raven, President and COO, Pennstar Bank.

Below, officers and directors of Pennstar Bank joined with local dignitaries last week to cut the ribbon at the bank's newest office, in the Orloski's Quik Mart, Dallas. Stretched to the ribbon were twenty \$10 bills which were donated to Dallas Fire and Ambulance. The new full-service branch offers extended banking hours, including a drive-up window that opens at 7 a.m. Shown above, from left: John G. Martines, Chairman of the Board, Pennstar Bank; Debra Skurkis, branch manager; John E. Reuther, Vice Chairman, Pennstar Bank; Daryl E. Forsythe, President and CEO, NBT Bancorp Inc.; Brett Slocum, Dallas Borough Fire Chief; David E. Raven, President and COO, Pennstar Bank; Timothy Carroll, Mayor of Dallas Borough; Lisa Baker, representing Gov. Tom Ridge's office; Joseph Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager; Joseph A. Earyes, President and COO, Pennstar Financial Services, Inc.; James Jackson, Executive Vice President, Pennstar Bank; Michael Duricko, Ph.D., Executive Trust Officer.



Sweet Valley Ambulance fund drive

The Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, Inc. will begin its annual fund drive soon. Everyone in the coverage area should receive a packet of information and a request for donations. To offset higher costs for fuel and other expenses, rates have been increased to \$25 for husband, wife and unmarried children under 21 at home and \$20 for a single person.

When service is provided to contributing members, the association will not charge for service. Non-members will be billed for the difference between the transport charge and insurance reimbursement. Anyone lacking insurance will be liable for the entire charge.

Anyone with questions should

call Alice Walsh, treasurer, at 477-5239.

Keith Martin named Master of Ceremonies for Scouts dinner

WBRE Eyewitness News senior anchor Keith Martin who lives in Shavertown will serve as master of ceremonies of the 18th Annual Friends of Scouting Dinner, Wednesday, March 7, at Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, Wilkes-Barre.

This is the first time community leaders from Lackawanna and Luzerne counties have united their recognition dinners into a single event. All proceeds support Scouting programs in Lackawanna, Luzerne and four other counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Denise S. Cesare, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania President and CEO, and Pete Classen, PNC bank President of Northeast Pennsylvania and New Jersey regions, serve as dinner co-chairs.

Honored guests are William Scranton III and Robert J. Ciarruffoli. They are recipients of the 2001 distinguished Citizen Award by the Northeastern Pennsylvania council, Boy

Scouts of America. The Distinguished Citizen Award is the highest community service honor given by the local Boy Scouts.

Mr. Martin is a native of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and russian from Lafayette College in Easton in 1969. While a student, he worked at several commercial radio stations in Scranton, Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. After college, Mr. Martin served two and a half years in the Army, including a combat tour in Vietnam and Cambodia. Today, Mr. Martin serves as a colonel in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, commanding the 55th Armored Brigade.

Mr. Martin serves on several community service boards and committees. He chaired the 1998 Luzerne County SPCA capital campaign and is president of the Lafayette College Northeast Pennsylvania Alumni chapter.



Pack 165 welcomes Campbell

Pack 165, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dallas, elevates Thomas Campbell to Troop 165, Dallas. Den Leader John Pitcavage, Thomas Campbell



Roberts earns Arrow of Light

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Audubon Society field trip

Sunday Morning Birding in Kirby Park will be sponsored by the Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society on Sunday, Feb. 25. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the north side of Market Street near the dike in Kingston. This opportunity to learn to identify native birds is repeated the fourth Sunday of each month. Call Bob at 829-6230 for more information. Free and open to the public.

SENIOR MENU

Senior Citizens Centers, sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Agency on 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 Feb. 22-28. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Veal parmesan, brussel sprouts, rotini noodles w/tomato sauce, italian bread, cupcake.

FRIDAY: Egg salad, Manhat-

tan clam chowder, cole slaw, fruited gelatin, sandwich roll, mayonnaise, oatmeal raisin cookie.

MONDAY: Sausage & peppers, oven brown potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread, chocolate chip cookie.

TUESDAY: Fat Tuesday special dinner-Baked fish w/creole sauce, lemon, baked potato, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, apple crumb cake.

WEDNESDAY: Beef stroganoff over noodles, spiced apples, carrots, white bread, cranberry juice.

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