

BMT Catholic Youth Council members commissioned

The newly formed Back Mountain Catholic Youth Council, comprised of youth representatives from the four Back Mountain Catholic Churches; Our Lady of Victory, Gate of Heaven, St. Frances X., Cabrini and St. Therese's Church, were recently commissioned as peer ministers. The Mission of this new council is: to encourage, nurture & affirm the faith formation of the Back Mountain Catholic Youth.

The junior high members, grades six-eight were commissioned at their kick-off event: 'Spring Fever Dance' in May. It was held at the old Dallas Twp.

School Building. Over 90 youth attended this first event. Rev. Joseph Weber commissioned the council members.

The Senior High Council grades nine to twelve, were commissioned at St. Therese's Church during the 6:30 Mass on June 3, Pentecost Sunday. Msgr. J. Peter Crynes celebrated the mass and commissioned the youth. A celebration dance was held afterwards for high school youth, in the parish hall.

For further information on the council contact St. Therese's Church at 696-1144.



Back Mountain Catholic Youth Council Junior High members, from left: Amy Yurchison, Kelly Murphy, Kaitlyn Makara, Rachel Decker, Matthew Buckman, Mary Balavage, Katie Gilligan, Lauren Yurko, and Krissy Stanks.



Back Mountain Catholic Youth Council Senior High members. Seated from left: Peter VanLoon, John Gilligan, Kristen Tomasak, and Edward Stanks. Standing: Michael Yenason, Dan Picillo, Charles Stajewski, and Neil Buckman. Absent from photo: Cory Brin.

Sustainability grants for northeast farmers

The Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program (SARE) will once again offer grants to farmers in the Northeast who want to explore innovative sustainable practices on their farms.

The Farmer Grant program, allows farmers and growers to conduct experiments, try new approaches, and test emerging ideas about agricultural sustainability.

To qualify, applicants must be commercial or nonprofit farmers

in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont, or Washington, D.C.

The deadline for the 2002 grant round is December 3, 2001, and applications can be downloaded from the Northeast SARE web site at www.uvm.edu/~nesare. To request a printed application call (802) 656-0471 or e-mail nesare@zoo.uvm.edu.

Meadows meeting

The bi-monthly meeting of the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary was held on July 9. A report was given on a purchase being made of a new organ for the chapel and a new piano so that music programs can be held on both floors for the residents. This purchase was made possible by a request granted to the auxiliary by a former resident of

the center. Dedication of these items will be held at a later date.

The auxiliary wishes to express their appreciation to the auxiliary members, staff, vendors, volunteers and to the members of the community who donated, worked and supported the 17th annual Market on the Pond.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers 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. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The following is the menu for the week of July 26-August 1.

THURSDAY: Baked fish florentine, lemon, parsleyed rice, zucchini, whole wheat bread, apricot

nectar, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Ham salad on croissant, lettuce & tomato, mayonnaise, beef noodle soup, cole slaw, orange juice, chocolate brownie.

MONDAY: Swiss steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread, vanilla pudding.

TUESDAY: Roast pork, sweet potatoes, cauliflower w/buttercrumbs, applesauce, rye bread.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti w/italian sausage, hot fruit compote, spinach, lemon, italian bread, chocolate cookie.

Craft sale and flea market

The 13th Annual Craft Sale and Flea Market will be held on Sat., Aug. 18, from 9 to 3 p.m. at the OES Building, Foster St. and Woodlawn Ave., Dallas, behind CVS. Vendor spaces 8X12 are

available for \$10 per space. Rain date is Aug. 25. Lunch will be available and welsch cookies will be sold.

Contact Irene G. Transue for info at 675-1367.

Luzerne County Fair adds categories

Donna Cupinski, Luzerne County Fair Chairperson, announced there would be several new classifications at the Luzerne County Fair for the 2001 county fair. Among the new categories, will be a vegetable quick bread contest. The main requirement is to use a cup of a vegetable grown in Pennsylvania. The entry must be a quick (non-yeast) to be put into a 9x5 pan and displayed on a paper plate or cardboard. Contestant must be a Pennsylvania resident.

The winner of the contest will then be eligible to enter their recipe in the statewide competition with first place winners from approximately 70 other county fairs in Pennsylvania. The statewide contest will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show on January 8, 2002.

The Luzerne County Fair will give prizes for the three best en-

tries. Rules and regulations for the contest will be available in the fair's 2001 Premium Guide at the end of July.

Cupinski also announced a homemade beer and wine contest will now be part of the Luzerne County Fair arts and crafts. The division in the wines will consist of red, white and rose wine, plus a division called other wines.

After a year's absence from the fair the hershey cocoa cake will return to the Luzerne County Fair, along with cookies, brownies and bars contest.

Contests returning for another year will be excellence in arts, chicken wing contest, scarecrow contest, and chili contest, pumpkin/squash contest, design the cover contest, and decorated or carved pumpkin contest.

Info on the Luzerne County Fair being held Sep. 5 thru 9 can be obtained by calling 675-FAIR.

BMT Childrens Theatre Co. offers summer theatre camp

Two fun weeks of theatre camp designed especially for youths ages 7 to 12 will be offered in the Back Mountain by the Back Mountain Childrens Theatre Company. Camp will run, week-day mornings starting at 10 a.m., Aug. 6 thru the 17. This is a rare opportunity for youth to learn all about many aspects of theatre performance: acting, characterization, vocal music, theatre dance, etc. while actually produc-

ing a musical, 'The Jungle Book!' There is plenty of adult supervision, and the camp is headed by professionals in theatre, recreation, vocal music and dance. The camp will be held in the Trucksville studios of Major Performing Arts Center. Call 696-4755 for a flyer and registration form. The camp will be limited to approximately 20 participants. Camp fee is \$140 for the two weeks.

Lehman United Methodist Charge

The Lehman United Methodist Charge will hold a combined summer church schedule. The churches consisting of Idetown United Methodist and Lehman United Methodist will meet at 10 a.m. during July and Aug. July services will be held at the Idetown Church and the Aug. services being held at the

Lehman Church. Sunday, July 29, following the church service a charge picnic will be held at Idetown, rain or shine. There will be games for children and adults. Wimpies, hot dogs and homemade root-beer will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to pass around.

St. Therese's VBS August 6-10

St. Therese's Church, located on Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, will hold their annual Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., August 6 to 10. This

year's VBS is 'Beach Trek Expedition'. It is open to children ages 4 and up. For further info contact the rectory office at 696-1144.



Neikirk baptism

Tara Marie Neikirk, born November 30, 2000, was baptized at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas. The service was followed by a beautiful reception provided by the ministry of the Episcopal Church Women of Prince of Peace. Pictured from left: Sue and Jeff Neikirk with daughter Joanna, Barbara Ann Young, godmother, holding Tara Marie, and Father Nagy, rector.

Paint a banner for the fair

The Luzerne County Fair Committee will hold their 2nd annual Paint A Banner Day on Sat., Aug. 18, starting at 10 a.m. The event is for children from 6 to 16 years old.

The banners will be displayed on the Luzerne County Fairgrounds during the fair from Sept. 5 thru 9.

The banners will represent different characteristics of the fair from popcorn to animals with a focus on the fair's theme 'Some-

thing To Smile About'.

This year the fair committee has added a new feature called gord decorating. Children will decorate gords for display during the fair. The fair committee will provide all materials for both events.

The committee will be serving lunch to all of the participants. Registration is required, please call after 3 p.m. 675-2952.

Deadline for registration is Fri., Aug. 10.

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