

World Day of Prayer at Gate of Heaven

Gate of Heaven Church, Machel Avenue, Dallas is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action, on March 7 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service in Gate of Heaven school auditorium. Child care services will not be available. All area women are invited to attend. For more information call Bette Gillespie, 674-5436, or Mary Darling, 675-2080.

Trucksville U.M. women to meet

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on March 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Educational building, Cora Porter, Spiritual Growth Mission Coordination, will lead devotions. Margaret Johnson, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation will present the program "Call To Prayer and Self Denial". Members of the community are invited.

Members of the unit will meet in the kitchen at 9:30 a.m. March 12 to make soup. The soup, beef vegetable and vegetarian vegetable, will be offered for sale on March 13 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the kitchen area. Orders may be placed by calling the church office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The soup will sell for \$4.50 a quart.

Lions seek members

The Dallas Lions are looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact any club member or they can contact Frank Rollman at 675-4485.



Gate of Heaven Church choirs perform

Gate of Heaven's cherub and youth choirs performed a pre-liturgical Christmas Concert on Christmas Eve. They were joined by the youth ensemble. The choirs and ensemble are directed by Gary M. Kneal, coordinator of music and liturgy. Father Jack Lambert is the Pastor.

Top photo, cherub choir, from left, first row: Maggie Fannick, Abigail Kneal, Mary Gittens, Mia Lafoca, Rachel Malak, Aaron Yurko, Julianna Murray, Tabitha Grabowski.

Second row: Tony Decesaris, Leah Benedetti, John Murray, Samantha Starbuck, Sara Pizzo, Joanna Wallace.

In the bottom photo, youth choir, from left, first row: Brianna Lafoca, Dana Krawetz, Natasha Field, Carly Managanello, Sabrina Alles, Rachel Alles, Missy Henry, Kirby Smith, Megan Grabowski, Erin Koscelansky, Jonathon Wallace, Anthony Benedetti.

Second row: Maria Pizzo, Lauren Yurko, Rebecca Spencer, Eden May, Samara Lafoca, Theresa Restaino, Tori Mosca, Mindy Moga, Koryn Henry, Hillary Mosca, Brianne Jordan, Sam Moga, Jaclyn Buckman, Jen Boland, Allison Spencer, Adele Hawk, Ashley Blazanski.

Third row: Brittany Grabowski, Erin Gittens, Patrick Austin, Jason Austin.



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. The following is the menu for the week of Feb. 27-Mar. 5. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The local Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

THURSDAY: Summer picnic in February special dinner - quarter pound hotdog w/chili sauce, mini potato pancakes,

cole slaw, orange.

FRIDAY: Baked parmesan fish, oven brown potatoes, roman vegetable medley, tarter sauce, rye bread, oatmeal raisin cookie

MONDAY: Italian sausage & peppers, cheesy whipped potatoes, vegetable medley rye bread, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Boneless chicken wings w/buffalo sauce, baked potato, seasoned broccoli, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday special dinner - baked fish w/creole sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, apple cake.

Landscape seminar at Penn State

The Penn State Cooperative Extension is holding a Landscape Seminar March 11 at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman. All landscapers, nurserymen, and interested persons are invited to attend.

Program topics will include Hemlock Woolly Adelgid; Hemlock Elongated Scale; Root Problems and Proper Mulching; Calibration of Back Pack Sprayers; Water Pond Installation; and an Insect Walk & Talk. Pesticide license applicators credits will be earned at this meeting.

To register, contact Penn State Cooperative Extension Luzerne County, 16 Luzerne Avenue, Suite 200, West Pittston, PA 18643-2817 or phone 825-1701 or 602-0600. Registration fee is \$10 per person and is due by March 3.

Lehman Twp. Fire Company raffle winners

The Lehman Township Volunteer Fire Company recently held a raffle fund raiser. Three shotguns were raffled. First prize was a Dale Earnhardt Commemorative Remington.

The winners were: Greg Sorber, first prize; John Morris, second prize; and Russ Gow, third prize.

Pizza, silent auction to benefit lake protective association

The Harveys Lake Protective Association will hold their second annual "Winter Warm-Up" Pizza Party and Silent Auction at Grotto Pizza on Saturday, March 8 from 7-11 p.m. The event is open to the public. The menu will include pizza, stromboli, hoagies, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Alcoholic beverages will be available at a cash bar. The cost is \$8 per person if paid by February 28, or \$9 after February 28, or at the door. Any business or individual wishing to donate an item to be auctioned, or to make a reservation, may contact Debbie Sobeck at 639-5515. All proceeds will benefit Harveys Lake Protective Association Community Projects.

Thresholds program needs volunteers

The "Threshold" program at Chase Prison is seeking volunteers for the program that begins in September.

Threshold is a decision-making program for inmates who are about to be released. The course is taught by volunteers, on a one-to-one basis over a period of nine weeks. The only requirement to becoming a volunteer is to be a caring person who wants to reach out to someone about to make a new beginning. There will be a training session on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and March 16.

For more information, contact Edna Vivian at 825-9560 or Ingrid Prater at 823-9548.

Back Mountain Poetry Society seeks members

Anyone interested in forming a poetry group in the Back Mountain, should contact Steve at 639-2320 or e-mail BkMtnPoetry@hotmail.com

TAX ASSISTANCE

Area Agency on Aging - March 4

The Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties is pleased to announce the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers will again be available to help seniors with taxes, PACE and Rebate Forms. There is no charge for this service. You must schedule an appointment for assistance at Senior Centers but do not need an appointment at the IRS. Volunteers will be at the Dallas Senior Center on March 4. Please call the senior center for an appointment at 675-2179 or go to the IRS, the former Stegmaier Brewery, corner of Wilkes-Barre Blvd and East Market Street in Wilkes-Barre, beginning February 3. You must bring all W-2's, 1099's social security information and any other forms showing income and copies of last years' tax return and rent rebate.

Kingston Township - March 6

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors announces both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of revenue and the Don Wilkinson Agency will have taxpayer assistance available for residents at the Township Municipal Building, 180 East Center St., Shavertown on March 6, from 1-4 p.m.

Assistance will be provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for state tax filing and by the Don Wilkinson Agency for local tax filing.

For information call 696-3809.

College Misericordia - March 15

Low income and elderly residents can obtain free assistance in preparing their annual income tax returns thanks to College Misericordia's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Students and other volunteers from the college prepare federal, state, and local tax returns for people meeting eligibility requirements.

Common problems for which VITA can provide advice include: trying to file a schedule D (capital gains and losses), Schedule EIC (earned income credit), child tax credit, child and dependent expenses credit, PA property tax and rent rebates, and the special tax forgiveness form for the state of PA.

Tax assistance sessions are scheduled for the following Saturdays between 9 and 11 a.m. on the fourth floor of Mercy Hall at College Misericordia, Lake Street, Dallas: March 15, 22, 29; April 5. Interested persons must schedule an appointment to ensure prompt service. For more information or to register, call College Misericordia at 674-6430 or 674-6237.

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